

QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE

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RESOLUTION #02-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBAL COUNCIL VALIDATING THE ALASKA
NATIVE HARBOR SEAL COMMISSION .**

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point is a federally recognized tribe authorized with government to government status with the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council is the governing body of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe authorized by its constitution to act on behalf of the native tribal members; and,

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council and its tribal members have used and/or depended upon the Harbor Seal for food, traditional arts and crafts, and for our spiritual and cultural well being since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the Harbor Seal Commission is, and has been declining in numbers and further decline will result in the federal action to protect and restore the Harbor Seal Population to healthy levels; and,

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is very concerned about the health of the Harbor Seal population and desire to take action to help restore the population to healthy levels; and,

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal council and its members have inherent rights under the Marine Mammal Protection Act as amended for exclusive use of marine mammals with other Alaska Natives; and,

WHEREAS, new federal regulations and/or programs may materially affect our traditional subsistence activities, which are critical to maintain for the well being of people; and,

WHEREAS, all Alaska Native communities concerned about the Harbor Seal population have determined that there is a need for statewide unity and coordinated action with regard to dealing with any and all issues involving Harbor Seals; and,

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal council supports the establishment of a statewide commission on Harbor Seals for the purpose of seeking unity and coordinated action; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council approves of the establishment of the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission and authorizes the ANHSC as its chosen contractor to represent and negotiate for our people with the federal government for the purposes of developing conservation programs for Harbor Seals; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal council authorizes the ANHSC as its chosen contractor to enter into co-management agreements for Harbor Seals with the National Marine Fisheries Service on behalf of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal council.

The resolution was duly adopted and approved at the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council regular meeting held on January 31st, 2002, by the following votes: For 5 Against 0 Abstentions 0.

APPROVED:

Jack R. Foster, Jr.
Jack Foster, Jr., Tribal President

02/07/02
Date

ATTEST:

Dorothy McCallum
Dorothy McCallum, Secretary

02/15/02
Date