

QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE

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Resolution #02-03

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A REQUIREMENT FOR DUCK STAMPS, LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER SUBSISTENCE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND EGG GATHERING

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is a federally recognized tribe acting on the migratory bird management body for the villages in the Shumagin Islands to implement the Migratory Bird Treaty Amendments and Protocol between the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Shumagin's commercial salmon fishery has suffered serious economic problems in recent years with both the state and federal government declaring an economic disaster in the region due to failed salmon runs; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game is forecasting another weak sockeye salmon return to Bristol Bay for the 2002 season and current market reports project low salmon prices for the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1990 U.S. Census figures the poverty rate among Alaska Natives is about 30 percent; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1990 U.S. Census the unemployment rate for Alaska native males was about 27.3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living in Shumagin ranks among the highest in the state and village residents must rely upon subsistence activities to provide food for the families during these times of economic hardships; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of living and poor salmon returns have caused many economic hardships for village residents in our area, many of whom cannot afford hunting licenses and permits; and

WHEREAS, the Migratory Bird Treaty Amendments specifically recognize the spring and summer hunts and egg gathering as customary and traditional subsistence activities; and

WHEREAS, permits, licenses and duck stamps are not part of our customary and traditional migratory bird hunting and egg gathering practices in the Shumagin Islands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe opposes any requirement for hunting licenses, permits and/or duck stamps for the spring and summer hunting and egg gathering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe call upon the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council to recommend to the U.S. Department of the Interior to grant an exemption to indigenous inhabitants for any requirement relating to licenses, permits and/or duck stamps for the spring and summer customary and traditional subsistence migratory bird hunting and egg gathering activities.

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

02/07/02
Date

Dorothy McCallum
Dorothy McCallum, Secretary/Treasurer

02/15/02
Date

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