

QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-04

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA SEA OTTER AND STELLAR SEA LION COMMISSION'S SMALL BOAT SURVEY

WHEREAS, the natural resources of the sea, land, and air were used and protected by Alaska Native People for thousands of years;

WHEREAS, the Marine Mammal Protection Act provides an exemption for Alaska Native People to harvest marine mammals for subsistence purposes and for creating and selling authentic native articles of handicraft and clothing;

WHEREAS, the Marine Mammal Act exempts federal agencies from managing the subsistence take of marine mammals as long as the population is not depleted;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Sea Otter Commission organized in 1988 to encourage and implement self-regulation of sea otter use by Alaska Natives;

WHEREAS, in 1998, at the request of member tribes, the Alaska Sea Otter Commission expanded to encourage and implement self-regulation of Steller sea lion use by coastal Alaska Natives, and became the Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission;

WHEREAS, the purposes of which the Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission was formed include representation of Native concerns, and expression of Native expertise, before appropriate agencies involved in the development and implementation of regulations and policies concerning sea otter/ sea lion management;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Sea Otter and Stellar Sea Lion Commission has worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to promote the conservation, well-being, and sustainable development of sea otters and sea lions for use by Alaska Natives;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Sea Otter and the Steller Lion Commission consists of six regions and twelve regional representatives of Native peoples from coastal regions of Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Village Council endorses the Alaska Sea Otter and the Steller Sea Lion Commission and supports the work of the Commission, and hereby requests that our village be a member;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any agency, group or other body or individual before which or to whom the Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission may address itself, is hereby notified that the Commission is empowered to speak on the behalf of Alaska residents of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe on any matter related to or concerning sea otters and Steller sea lions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is effective on the date below noted, and shall remain in force and in effect until affirmatively rescinded by a majority vote of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council.

PASSED THIS DAY 30th, DAY OF December, 2003.

Dorothy McCallum

President/Chief/Chairman

This is to certify that I, SUSAN MCGlashan, am the Secretary of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Village Council and that Council consists of Qagan Tayagungin Tribe duly elected members, and that this Resolution NO. 04-04 was considered and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Council, at which a quorum of the members was present and voting, and that vote taken was Five for, and 0, against.

Attested:

Susan McGlashan

Secretary/Treasurer