

# **QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE**

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## **RESOLUTION 96-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALASKA NATIVE HARBOR SEAL COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING ANHSC'S CONTRACTOR TO REPRESENT THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR HARBOR SEALS AND ENTER INTO CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR HARBOR SEALS WITH THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE..

- WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is a sovereign federally recognized tribe with a government to government status with the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, the Harbor Seal population is, and has been, declining in numbers and further decline will result in federal action to protect and restore the Harbor Seal population to healthy levels; and
- WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe 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 Qagan Tayagungin Tribe 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 regulation and/or programs may materially affect our traditional subsistence activities, which are critical to maintain for the well being of the 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;

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 and its chosen contractor to represent and negotiate our people to the federal government for the purpose of developing conservation programs for Harbor Seals; and

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

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council is composed of 7 members, of whom were present at a meeting held this 8th day of January, 1997, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_\_\_ - against, \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining, and that this resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A QUORUM OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBAL COUNCIL  
THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.

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President

ATTESTED:

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Secretary