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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2014/15 No. 292
Governance

Ki?lawna? Recovery & Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative

November 28, 2014

WHEREAS: Ki?lawna? has been an integral and critical part of Syilx culture since time immemorial—its presence in Syilx Territory is an indicator of the health of Syilx land and people; and,

WHEREAS: At least three remnant trans-boundary grizzly bear populations within Syilx Territory need immediate action to assist them from disappearing due to low numbers and habitat isolation; and,

WHEREAS: The Natural Resources Council (NRC) has recommended that the Chiefs Executive Council (CEC) direct Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) staff to develop and undertake activities to assist Ki?lawna? recovery and protection.

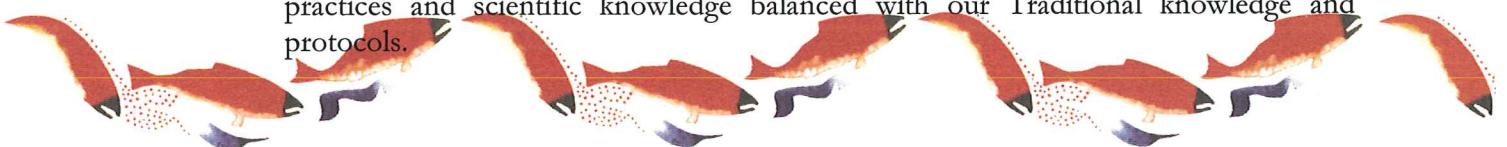
WHEREAS: The NRC will provide guidance to ONA staff to ensure that our Ki?lawna? is protected and recovered in ways consistent with our culture, traditional knowledge, values, laws and customs; and,

WHEREAS: Supportive relationships with other Nations, governments and organizations are needed to ensure that Ki?lawna? will remain, occupy and thrive in its traditional areas for all time; and,

WHEREAS: Collaborative management processes will help demonstrate Syilx presence and responsibility for the land and resources, and provide capacity to help position the ONA and its member communities as leaders in wildlife conservation; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The CEC declares that Ki?lawna? is at-risk and protected within Syilx Territory.
2. That Grizzly Bear Population Recovery and management is a Syilx priority to ensure that Ki?lawna? will remain, occupy and thrive in its traditional areas for all time.
3. That ONA staff, under NRC direction, will gather traditional knowledge and practices, and work to build the supportive relationships and projects needed to help Ki?lawna? survive and recover throughout Syilx Territory using best available information, practices and scientific knowledge balanced with our Traditional knowledge and protocols.

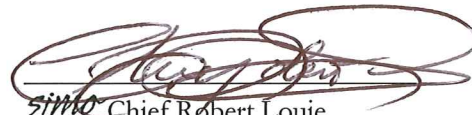



- 4. That the ONA supports the *Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative* and will join with that group to further Ki?lawna? population recovery and habitat connectivity in southwest BC, Okanagan Territory; and

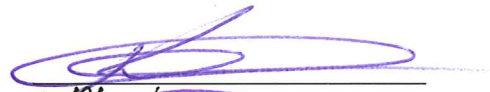
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The CEC encourages neighboring Nations and other First Nation organizations to join in the effort to sustain Ki?lawna? Grizzly Bear; and,

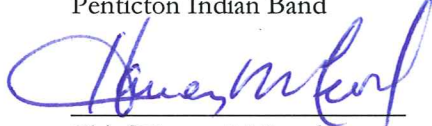
FINALLY BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: The CEC call upon the Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada, the State of Washington, and the United States Government to act promptly and effectively to implement cooperative actions for protection of Grizzly Bear and recovery of threatened Grizzly Bear populations in southern British Columbia and the northern United States.

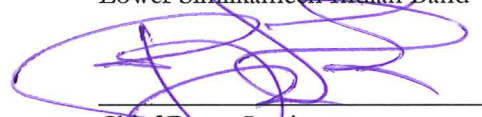
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