

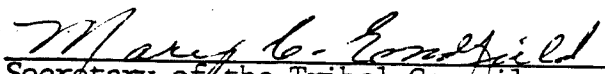
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
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- WHEREAS, the benefits derived from fish and wildlife resources and programs on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation include a great economic and recreational values to the White Mountain Apache people and surrounding communities, and
- WHEREAS, the fish and wildlife resources of the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation have great potential for further development in order to benefit the Apache people, and
- WHEREAS, all effort is needed to properly manage the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation's fish and wildlife resources, and
- WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has provided, and currently provides, fish for reservation waters, as well as, management expertise for tribal fish and wildlife programs, and
- WHEREAS, decreasing or eliminating such tribal input by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service may cause economic hardships to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and local communities, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised of a proposed policy of Fish and Wildlife Service which will cause the termination of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service assistance, except for periodic consultation, and which may result in Bureau of Indian Affairs management of the Reservation's Fish and Wildlife Resources, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs does not have the capabilities necessary to substitute for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is strongly urged to continue full assistance to the Alchesay-Williams Creek National Fish Hatcheries, and to continue full assistance from the Pinetop Fishery Assistance Office.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide full funding for the operations of these facilities without Bureau of Indian Affairs involvement.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife staffs be increased and monies provided in order to complete in depth studies of the Reservation's fish and wildlife resources.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide on-the-job training to Apache biological science trainees.

The foregoing resolution was on March 17, 1980 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f & i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council