

RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe considers the fishery resources located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation as a valuable cultural and economic resource; and

WHEREAS, the council desires to insure that these resources are properly protected in every way possible, and managed appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pinetop Fisheries Assistance Office have provided fisheries technical assistance for over a decade and have been the principle managers of these fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, recent Bureau of Indian Affairs and Fish and Wildlife Service recommendations call for severe reduction in the Pinetop Fisheries Assistance Office Program which will reduce considerably, the amount of Technical Assistance they can provide to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, to the potential detriment and degradation impacts of the tribal fishery resources and the reservations fisheries program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Game and Fish Department has developed a proposal to address this pressing problem which calls for increasing their technical capabilities in fisheries management, implementation of the fisheries management plan and training of tribal personnel in fish rearing techniques; the Department further has indicated their desire to submit this proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Fish, Wildlife and Recreation to secure funding for this effort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe acknowledges the need to increase tribal capabilities in the area of fisheries management in order to assume a greater role in management responsibilities which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will no longer be able to perform due to budget reductions in the Pinetop Fisheries Assistance Office Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council supports the Department's proposal to increase technical fisheries management capabilities and hereby authorizes the Director of the Game and Fish to aggressively pursue a funding source to implement this program.

The foregoing resolution was on June 22, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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



Acting Secretary of the Tribal Council

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