

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

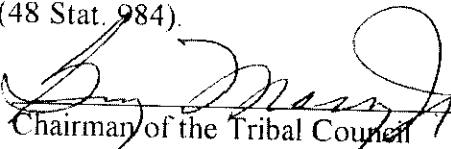
- WHEREAS, Sunrise and Horseshoe Lake historically generate 40% of fishing revenue on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, fishing use at these lakes has dropped over the past year by 30%; most likely due to aquatic weed and algae growth in the last two years which has affected growth and survival of fish; and
- WHEREAS, the best long term solution to control aquatic weeds is to cut them and remove them from the watershed; and
- WHEREAS, equipment to remove aquatic vegetation costs \$150,000 plus approximately \$30,000 per year for operation; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has offered to remove some weeds from Horseshoe and Sunrise Lake this year using their resources and in addition, the State has some interest in working out a year to year agreement where weed removal may be exchanged for Apache trout from federal hatcheries on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the main goal of removing weeds this year is to improve fishing at the two lakes and to determine the work needed to remove weeds on a yearly basis.

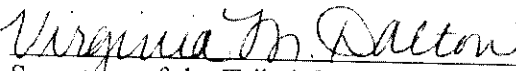
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants permission for the Arizona Game and Fish to remove weeds from Horseshoe and Sunrise Lakes this year and further grants the Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division and Legal Department permission to explore a three way agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the State, said agreement to be presented to the Tribal Council for final approval before it is signed.

The foregoing resolution was on May 30, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (h), (i), (j), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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