



CENTRAL COUNCIL

*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly

April 15-17, 2015

Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-25

Title: Amendment to Rural Determination Process to Hasten Rural Status

By: Saxman Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with nearly 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Saxman Tlingit and Haida Community Council is composed of Tlingit and Haida Alaska Natives residing in Saxman, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Saxman expresses its complete support for the recognition of Saxman as a rural community; and

WHEREAS, Saxman, Alaska was established in 1990 by the Federal Subsistence Board as a separate community in the federal rural determination process for an Alaska community traditionally dependent upon subsistence activities; and

WHEREAS, Saxman families were placed at-risk to change their way of life under the extraordinary challenge when the Federal Subsistence Board eliminated Saxman's rural community status on June 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Subsistence Board's new proposed regulations made at the April 2014 Public Meeting will lift the hearts and minds of Saxman families and will positively impact future generations to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Saxman Tlingit and Haida Community Council ratifies agreement to support the Federal Subsistence Board's proposed regulation to amend the rural determination process as written in Subpart B of 36 CFR, part 242 and 50 CFR part 100 – Rural Determination (a) and (b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, hereby endorses the Federal Subsistence Board's proposed regulations and requests adoption of a final regulation at the earliest date but no later December 31, 2015.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw