



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Resolution 05-2019

RE: Support for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2019

At a duly called meeting of the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission Board of Directors on this 22nd day of August, 2019, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission (SWTFC) is a coalition of southwestern Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations formed in 2002, and organized in 2007 as a non-profit corporation in the State of New Mexico, for the purpose of promoting tribal self-determination through the development of sustainable recreational and native fisheries programs on tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the SWTFC is concerned with the overall health of all native fish and wildlife populations, and especially those that are threatened with extinction or local extirpation throughout the Southwest both on and off the lands of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, tribal lands, waters and watersheds are essential for fish and wildlife conservation and overshadow the conservation opportunities of any other non-public land; and

WHEREAS, tribes own, influence and have interest in the management of vast areas throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, tribes are proven leaders in the protection of landscapes, waters, and their fish and wildlife and provide models and lessons for other resource managers; and

WHEREAS, current funding for both tribes and states provides only a fraction of the resources necessary to conserve fish and wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, despite the historic underfunding of tribal natural resources programs, and exclusion from some federal funding streams, tribes have some of the most accomplished natural resources programs in the country and protect hundreds of species of fish and wildlife and their habitats.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission hereby supports the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and similar legislation for the recovery of fish and wildlife species and preventing them from becoming endangered by dedicating \$1.3 billion annually to assist states with wildlife conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SWTFC respectfully request that an additional \$97.5 million each fiscal year be dedicated directly to tribes to assist with fish and wildlife conservation.



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the SWTFC supports the inclusions of tribes in such legislation and that resources must be dedicated to assist tribes with the conservation of wildlife on their lands.

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Mr. Jacob A. Mazzone, Chairman
Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that there were (9) of the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission appointed representatives of the (18) member tribes present at the above meeting, at which (9) voted for, and (0) voted against, and (0) abstained, it being a quorum and the above resolution was passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Whiteman".

Mr. Steve Whiteman, Secretary-Treasurer
Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission