

SAMPLE RESOLUTION
Support for Winnemem Wintu Restoration
of McCloud River Salmon

WHEREAS, the McCloud River was known as one of the healthiest salmon fisheries on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, the US Fish and Wildlife Service established a fish hatchery on the river in the 1870s to enhance the declining salmon populations of the time; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemem Wintu worked with hatchery personnel to manage the hatchery and assist in the collection of eggs and milt; and

WHEREAS, the McCloud River salmon were sent to New Zealand in the early 1900s where they have established a thriving fishery in the Rakaia River; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemem Wintu Tribe is currently lacking access to their sacred salmon and are committed to the return of the salmon from New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the McCloud River salmon is important to the health of the rivers and the economy of the state of California.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ (Name of Tribe) supports the efforts of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe to return their salmon from New Zealand; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ (Title of Official), or his/her designee is hereby authorized and empowered to transmit in the name of the _____ (Name of Tribe) a copy of this resolution to the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, NOAA Fisheries and other relevant state and federal agencies supporting the return of the McCloud River salmon.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the _____ (Title of Tribe's Governing Body) this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

Signed: _____ Date: _____