RESOLUTION
Spokane Tribal Resolution 2019-206

APPROVING THE UÇUT: FISH PASSAGE AND REINTRODUCTION PHASE 1 REPORT: INVESTIGATIONS UPSTREAM OF CHIEF JOSEPH AND GRAND COULEE DAMS

WHEREAS, the Spokane Tribal Business Council ("Council") is the duly constituted governing body of the Spokane Tribe of Indians by the authority of the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the Tribe, the Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Spokane Tribe and all Reservation residents; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Tribe desires to protect and enhance the Tribe's resources, including its water and fish resources for the Tribe's future use and benefit; and

WHEREAS, construction of Grand Coulee Dam not only flooded portions of the Tribe's land, it blocked the Tribe's primary food source, the once abundant salmon, steelhead, and lamprey that thrived and fed the Tribe and Tribes throughout the Upper Columbia River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Resolution 2018-422 authorizing and directing the Tribe's Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") to pursue and carry out salmon and steelhead reintroduction to the Tribes waters: and

WHEREAS, the Upper Columbia United Tribes staff worked with the member Tribes' staff to develop a FISH PASSAGE AND REINTRODUCTION PHASE 1 REPORT: INVESTIGATIONS UPSTREAM OF CHIEF JOSEPH AND GRAND COULEE DAMS ("Report"); and

WHEREAS, this living document summarizes the current state of the Region's understanding of the information on the feasibility of salmon and steelhead reintroduction, and includes recommend next steps in the pursuit of our goal to have harvestable and self-sustaining populations of salmon and steelhead within the Spokane Tribe's waters; and is intended to be updated as new information and technology becomes available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Spokane Tribe endorses UÇUT's Report;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Council does hereby authorize and approve UÇUT to move forward with the approval process among UÇUT's member Tribes.
Certification
The foregoing was duly enacted by the Spokane Tribal Business Council on the 27th day of March, 2018, by the vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 0 absent under authority contained in Article VIII of the Constitution of the Spokane Indians ratified by the Spokane Tribe on November 22, 1980.

Chairwoman Carol Evans  
Spokane Tribal Business Council