

Resolution

Whereas, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (herein referred to as the Commission) and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation (herein referred to as the Tribe) share a common vision of wise stewardship of fish and wildlife resources and a deep commitment to protecting those resources for present and future generations; and

Whereas, the Tribe has a professional resource management team that works closely with the professionals of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (herein referred to as the Department) and these professionals agree that the Tribe has been an outstanding steward of fish and wildlife and their habitats; and

Whereas, on August 2, 2007, the Tribe signed a joint Proclamation with the Governor and the Chair of the Commission recognizing, among other things, the Tribe's need to assume additional authority over the management of fish and wildlife resources on Tribal lands and directing staff to work to complete government-to-government agreements to address this need; and

Whereas, since the Proclamation's signing, representatives of the Tribe and the State have met on a regular basis to develop a process for the Tribe to assume greater authority over the management of fish and wildlife resources on Tribal lands; and

Whereas, as an exercise of its authority as a sovereign nation, the Tribe wishes to adopt the following State fish and wildlife management plans as Tribal law: Oregon Conservation Strategy, Black-tailed Deer Plan (when adopted by the Commission), Elk Management Plan, Black Bear Management Plan, Wild Turkey Management Plan, Cougar Management Plan, Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, Native Fish Conservation Policy, and the Oregon Native Fish Status Report (collectively referred to as the "Interim Grand Ronde Fish and Wildlife Management Plan" or the "Interim Plan"); and

Whereas, the Commission directs the Department to provide the Tribe with guidance and assistance in completing a permanent Grand Ronde Fish and Wildlife Management Plan (the "Permanent Plan") for its reservation and Tribal trust lands, which will include, but not be limited to, Tribal decisions on game and habitat management and a process to address new State or Tribal fish and wildlife management objectives; and

Whereas, upon completion and approval by the Commission, the Permanent Plan shall regulate the management of fish and wildlife resources on the Tribe's reservation and trust lands.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Commission recognizes the Interim Plan as well as the Tribe's ability to administer the Plan as sound stewards of the fish and wildlife resources, and their habitats, on the reservation and all other lands held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

Certification: the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted this resolution on April 18, 2008.