

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

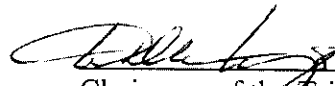
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has learned that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a proposal to convert all national fish hatcheries to native-fish production only; and
- WHEREAS**, the Alchesay National Fish Hatchery on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation presently supplies non-native sport fish to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and to eleven other tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the sport fishing and recreation program of the Tribe provides important recreation and economic benefits to the Tribe and Tribal members and to the region as a whole; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal would have a devastating impact on the Tribe's sport fishery and recreation program and would harm similar programs of the other tribes who are served by the hatchery and would also harm the White Mountain regional economy and recreational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal also is contrary to the United States trust obligations to the tribes, the National Indian Forest Resource Management Act, the Congressional purposes in establishing the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Tribal Council resolutions that authorized establishment of Alchesay and Williams Creek National Fish Hatcheries, the Congressional purposes in authorizing the establishment of those hatcheries, and various Secretarial and Executive Orders; and
- WHEREAS**, the policy would not accomplish any natural resource goal on the Reservation because the Tribe stocks non-native fish only into man made lakes and does not stock non-native fish into Reservation streams and would furthermore harm the Tribe's native species program, which is partially funded by revenues from the recreation enterprise.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it opposes the proposed policy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and directs the Director, White Mountain Apache Tribe Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, working with Special Counsel and Tribal staff, to prepare a package opposing the proposal to be sent to Secretary Babbitt, to Jamie Clark, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and to the Congressional Delegation, and to arrange to meet with Nancy Kaufman, Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director, and with

Congressional staff and members as appropriate and desirable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs the Director, White Mountain Apache Tribe Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, to contact and seek the support of other affected tribes.

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (f), (h), (i), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council