

RESOLUTION No. 168-17

Resolution of The Tulalip Tribes
A Federal Corporation

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Tulalip Tribes, a Federal Indian Corporation, organized under and pursuant to the Wheeler-Howard Act, that

WHEREAS, the United States Army Engineers propose to dredge the Skagit River channel from the city of Concrete, Skagit County, Washington, to salt water, and annually maintain the same, as well as to dam the Sauk River, and

WHEREAS, such activities as well as being detrimental to the economy of Northwestern Washington, will destroy the salmon runs, or so seriously damage the same in said river as to make them commercially of no value, and

WHEREAS, the Tulalip Tribes Treaty Rights to hunt and fish in some measure depend upon the Skagit River's salmon for the exercise of said treaty rights, and thus have a vested interest therein, and

WHEREAS, the same treaty also provides rights to hunt and fish to the Swinomish Indians, who are directly dependent upon the Skagit River fisheries, and the Lummi Indians of Bellingham, who are partially dependent thereupon, in the same manner as is the Tulalip Tribes,

NOW, THEREFORE, the said Tulalip Tribes do hereby protest the activities of the United States Army Engineers, as above stated, on the Skagit River for the reasons hereinabove set forth, and authorize the commencement of such legal and political action as is necessary; either alone or in conjunction with the Swinomish and Lummi Indians, to stop and restrain the interference of the United States Army Engineers with the Skagit River fishery on the ground and for the reason that said Army Engineers proposed conduct on the Skagit and Sauk Rivers would, if allowed to be carried to completion, constitute a deprivation of the Fishery guaranteed by the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855.

Passed at a regular meeting this 2nd day of July, 1963, by a vote of 7 For and 0 Against, with a quorum being present.

ATTEST:

GEORGE S. WILLIAMS

George S. Williams, Chairman

Martin Williams

Martin Williams, Secretary