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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has been empowered to act for and on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe, pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, adopted by the General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe, on May 6, 1961 and approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 27, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe), pursuant to the Treaty of 1855, retained the exclusive right of taking fish in all streams running through and bordering its reservation and the right of taking fish in common with citizens of the United States on its usual and accustomed places; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Code calls for the preservation, protection and perpetuation of fish and wildlife on the reservation and the usual and accustomed places of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) assumes the responsibility for the management of fish resources, habitats, and their uses on the reservation and for their co-management throughout Nez Perce Territory and usual and accustomed places; and

WHEREAS, the NPTEC is eligible and authorized to contract from various Federal, State, Tribal, and Private entities for the benefit of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been a Member of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), pursuant to the January 14, 1987 charter; and

WHEREAS, the CBFWA has lost half of its original membership; and

WHEREAS, the CBFWA can no longer effectively carry forth its stated chartered purposes; and

WHEREAS, continued membership in CBFWA and its associated costs would hamper the ability of the Tribe to actively and directly engage in important regional coordination forums; and

WHEREAS, direct involvement in regional coordination forums is important for the mitigation and restoration of valuable salmon, Pacific lamprey, resident fish and other resources impacted by the hydro-system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPTEC hereby approves withdrawal from the CBFWA, effective March 31, 2012; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPTEC Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign all necessary correspondence and the NPTEC Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse funds accordingly; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until it is modified or rescinded by the NPTEC.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Special Session, February 28, 2012, in the Richard A. Halfmoon Chambers, Lapwai, Idaho, a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY: 
Allen P. Slickpoo, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:


Brooklyn D. Baptiste, Chairman