

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 has been party to a number of lawsuits under the Endangered Species Act and has attempted many methods to develop, continue and/or restore the native Salmon runs that fall within our Treaty of 1855 and Usual and accustomed areas; and

Whereas, the Nez Perce Tribe has been attempting to bring back the Salmon runs to pre dam levels; and

Whereas, the Nez Perce tribe has along with a number of states and federal agencies taken action to ensure that the Native Salmon runs are available for the future generations of Nimiipuu including spending enormous sums of money on this effort; and

Whereas, the Lower Four Snake River Dams have not allowed for any positive movement in restoring Endangered species in the Columbia, Snake or Clearwater Rivers; and

Whereas, the efforts by the numerous agencies and the tribe has not accomplished any positive changes in restoring the native Salmon runs; and

Now therefore it be resolved that, the NPTEC hereby will take legal or other immediate action to call for the removal of the Lower Four Snake River dams to restore the Treaty Right of 1855 to take fish in Usual and Accustomed areas; and

Be It Further Resolved That, the Nez Perce Tribe Chairman and treasurer will be authorized to take action as needed to implement this resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting in regular session, May 23, 2017 in the Richard A. Halfmoon Council Chambers, Lapwai, Idaho a quorum of its members being present and voting.