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Resolution No. 67-98
Date Enacted: 1-30-98
Subject Matter: Makah Gray Whale Management
Plan for 1998-2002

RESOLUTION NO. 67-98 OF THE MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribal Council is the governing body of the Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation, Washington, by authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Makah Indian Tribe as approved on May 16, 1936, by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Makah Tribe has a documented whaling tradition and has depended on whaling as the basis of its economy, subsistence and culture for several thousand years; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty of Neah Bay secures in perpetuity the Tribe's right of taking fish and whaling and sealing at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is vital to the health and welfare of the Tribe to re-establish treaty ceremonial and subsistence whaling; and

WHEREAS, the Council requested the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to seek the approval of the International Whaling Commission for an aboriginal subsistence whaling quota which would allow the Makah Tribe to take up to 5 gray whales per year for ceremonial and subsistence use; and

WHEREAS, the Council and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration entered into a cooperative agreement which requires the Council to adopt a gray whale management plan after the International Whaling Commission approves the Makah request for an aboriginal subsistence whaling quota; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 1997, the International Whaling Commission approved the Makah Tribe's request for an aboriginal subsistence whaling quota; and

WHEREAS, the Makah Whaling Commission has developed the attached Management Plan for Makah Treaty Gray Whale Hunting for the Years 1998 - 2002 in consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and recommends that the Council adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan contains rules and regulations for the conduct of ceremonial and subsistence whaling which are consistent with the cooperative agreement, the International Whaling

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Commission quota, and with the traditional practices and customary law of the Makah Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Makah Tribal Council hereby enacts the attached Management Plan for Makah Treaty Gray Whale Hunting for the Years 1998 - 2002 into tribal law.

MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

By: *Ben Johnson Jr.*
Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a (regular) (special) meeting held on JANUARY 30, 1998 which a quorum was present, and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 FOR and 0 AGAINST, the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson in his absence, being authorized to sign the Resolution.

By: *Julius Blaylock-Richards*
Tribal Secretary

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