

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-308

TRIBAL RECOGNITION AS CO-MANAGERS OF THE NATION'S FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
RESOURCES THROUGH A NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of eighteen (18) federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, USET recognizes the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) for its supportive work to tribal governments and their Fish and Wildlife Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, NAFWS is working to develop recognition of tribal fisheries and wildlife management rights and relationships by Federal Agencies, States and Professional Environmental Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the tribes are not currently recognized as Co-Managers of the nation's Fisheries and Wildlife Resources in Federal Fish and Wildlife Acts, such as the Dingle-Johnson/Pittman Robertson Act, the Wetlands Conservation Act, the Wildlife Coordination Act and the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, this is in direct opposition to the existing Federal Policy of a Government to Government Relationship with the tribes; and

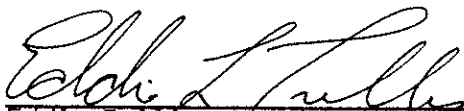
WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Act will correct this by providing authorization for Tribal participation in the provisions of all Federal Fish and Wildlife Management Acts and such participation should be analogous to that relationship already existing between the Federal Government and States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the development and passage of a Native American Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board of Directors further support the development of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Act through direct contact by a letter of support to Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, North Carolina; on October 5, 1990.

  
Eddie Tullis, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

  
Phil Guimond, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.