UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-305

DEVELOPMENT OF A FISH AND WILDLIFE TRUST RELATIONSHIP BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

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 with tribal governments and their Fish and Wildlife Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, NAFWS is working with Federal Agencies to develop a Fish and Wildlife Management Trust Relationship between the respective Federal Agencies within the Department of Interior to facilitate Integrated Resource Management Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this Fish and Wildlife Management Trust Relationship will directly benefit the tribes by providing adequate assistance in development of their Natural Resource Management capabilities, adequate funding level to manage their programs, federal protection of the tribes' right to use the Fish and Wildlife Resources without interference by the States and Private Interests, and recognition of the tribes' sovereignty and Wildlife Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board of Directors does hereby request the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate a policy with other Federal Departments outside of Interior to support Tribal Interests, and policies within Interior Agencies to promote an Integrated Resource Management Indian Policy which would support development of Tribal Resource Management capability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board of Directors request the Secretary of the Interior to schedule and conduct the first Native American Natural Resource Management Summit Meeting to develop a long term planning effort to support development of Tribal Resource Management capability.

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 Gulmond, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.