



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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Resolution No. USET 99:26

**USET REQUESTS USFWS INDIAN LIAISONS AND BIA EASTERN AREA NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS TO ATTEND ALL USET MEETINGS**

- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS**, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Interior is charged with trust responsibility, to provide natural resources protection, and work with the Tribes on a Government-to-Government basis; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are both federal agencies under the Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS**, the Indian Liaisons in USFWS and the Eastern Area Agency Natural Resources Officers are the first point of contact between the Tribes on matters concerning natural resources; and
- WHEREAS**, USET has three meetings during the year which the USET member Tribes attend and send representatives to the Natural Resources Committee; and
- WHEREAS**, USET meetings are an excellent place for the USFWS Indian Liaisons and BIA Natural Resources Officers to meet with the Tribes, hear their environmental concerns, and disseminate information to the Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests the Secretary of the Department of Interior to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Indian Liaisons in the USET member Tribes' area and the BIA Eastern Area Natural Resources Officers to attend the USET Natural Resources Committee Meetings.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Miami, FL Thursday, June 17, 1999.

Keller George, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.