USET Resolution No. 2009:030

COMMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ON CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a notice of request for comments on current implementation and proposed changes to the Tribal Wildlife Grants Program (TWG); and

WHEREAS, the TWG program has played an important role in strengthening Tribal efforts to manage and protect fish and wildlife populations; and

WHEREAS, management and protection of fish and wildlife populations produce socioeconomic benefits to Tribal communities and significantly impact preservation of Tribal cultures and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the USET Natural Resources Committee has considered current implementation and proposed changes to the TWG program and has compiled comments (attached); therefore, be it

RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors approves submission of the attached comments in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife notice of request for comments on current implementation and proposed changes to the Tribal Wildlife Grants Program.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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