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**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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