

THE KUSKOKWIM INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION 18-0

WHEREAS, the Kuskokwim Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (KRITFC) was founded to conserve, restore, and provide for tribal uses of salmon from Kuskokwim River fisheries; and

WHEREAS, a core principal upon which the KRITFC was founded was unity of its member tribes, and incorporated this principal into its governing documents by emphasizing the importance of working to arriving at important decision by consensus; and

WHEREAS, one year after it was founded, the KRITFC demonstrated the power of unity when it unanimously agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide for cooperative management of the Kuskokwim River; and

WHEREAS, the strength of the KRITFC depends upon its member tribes remaining unified in their purpose and decisions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the KRITFC requires that it communicate a unified position on matters involving stewardship, governance and management of Kuskokwim River fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the position of one Commissioner or one member Tribe does not represent the unified position of the KRITFC, but when these opinions are made public, they can be used to weaken the power and goals of the KRITFC by those wishing to show the Commission is not united.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Commissioners and member tribes believe it is in the best interest of the KRITFC to maintain a solid, unified public position on issues related to the management of the Kuskokwim fisheries, and resolve to work out any differences on management issues within the KRITFC process, and that a Commissioner or a tribal member will not take a public position before fully engaging in this process.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that if a tribe determines after fully engaging in the KRITFC process, that it must express a public opinion that is different than the KRITFC position, the tribe will first inform the Executive Council and Executive Director of its intent, and provide the Council with an opportunity to discuss the issues with the tribe before the tribe makes its position public.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that a Commissioner will not express a public position on fishery management issues that is not the official position of the KRITFC, unless the member tribe represented by the Commissioner has engaged in the process described above, and the tribe has authorized the Commissioner to speak on its behalf.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Executive Council of the KRITFC this 8th day of MAY, 2018.

Nick Kameroff, Jr.
Nick Kameroff, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: Charlene Erik
Charlene Erik, Secretary