



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #02-0417-08

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker
to Execute of a Consulting Agreement with Charles Matson
to Assist with Training and Implementation of Tribally-licensed
Commercial Trap Net Fishing Operations**

WHEREAS, the Band's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Band adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Band's Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to represent the Band and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Band, in a manner consistent with the Band's Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Consent Decree entered in United States v Michigan are intended to facilitate the Band's to use settlement funds to assist Band members enter the commercial fishery in waters near the Band's Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Resolution No. #02-0306-06, did approve establishment of a Commercial Fishing Education, Training and Development Program and appropriated funds to be used to retain consultants to train Band members in the operation of trap net fishing operations; and

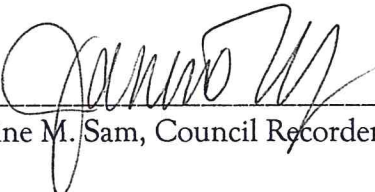
WHEREAS, in furtherance of those budgeted purposes, a Consultant Agreement with Charles Matson has been negotiated in consultation with the Band's Legal Department and Natural Resource Commission, retaining Mr. Matson to provide consulting services to the Band and Band members participating in the Commercial Fishing Education, Training and Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission is recommending approval of the Consultant Agreement, dated April 12, 2002, and the Tribal Council desires to authorize execution of that agreement.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker to execute a Consulting Agreement with Charles Matson to provide services connection with implementation of the Band's treaty-reserved commercial fishing rights.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Downtown Offices on April 17, 2002, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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