



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #02-0710-06

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker
to Execute of a Trap Net Vessel Equipment Lease Agreement
with Matthew Stone for the Trap Net Vessel "Cierra" and Other
Equipment for Commercial Trap Net Fishing**

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 did authorize execution of a Trap Net Vessel Equipment Lease/Option to Purchase with Charles Matson to lease the trap net vessel, "Cierra" and other Equipment, for use by Band members participating in the Commercial Fishing Education, Training and Development Program; and

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WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission is recommending approval of the Trap Net Vessel Equipment Lease Agreement with Matthew Stone to lease the Cierra and other Equipment to Mr. Stone, 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 Trap Net Vessel Equipment Lease Agreement with Matthew Stone leasing the trap net vessel "Cierra" and certain equipment, including trap nets and a "Reel Truck", to Mr. Stone under the terms and conditions described in the proposed agreement, dated July 10, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 2 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Downtown Offices on July 10, 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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Matthew Stone