



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0317-124

*Ratification of Gill Net Tug Lease - "Sallie" - Between the Tribe and T. Battice and
Authorizing the Ogema to Enter into the Lease Agreement*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe 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, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has identified that the development of commercial fishing on Lake Michigan under authority of the Tribe is an important governmental activity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a gill net tug, the "Sallie," which can be leased to a licensed commercial fisherman for the purposes of commercial chub fishing operation and the Ogema has received a request for the lease of that equipment by a Tribal fisherman; and

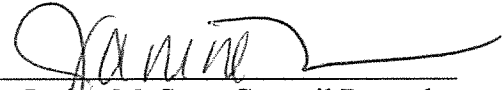
WHEREAS, the Ogema has negotiated a lease for the equipment with Mr. Battice for a five year period which has been presented to the Tribal Council for review and ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the lease and determined that it is an appropriation action of the Tribal government;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies the Gill Net Vessel Lease Agreement between the Tribe and Thomas Battice, Captain and authorizes the Ogema to enter into that agreement.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 17, 2004, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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