

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution # 05-0323-118

Approval of a grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program titled, "Development of Conservation Recommendations for Riparian, in-stream Restoration Projects and Lake Sturgeon Spawning Site Reclamations in the Manistee River Watershed" in the amount of \$249,950 for FY 2005

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; 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, Tribal and Federal funding resources have been committed in recent years to increase viable habitat conditions for aquatic species in the Manistee River and its tributaries through various road-stream crossing improvements and bank stabilization efforts; and

WHEREAS, Tribal and Federal funding resources have likewise been committed in recent years to improve suitable habitat conditions for the Lake Sturgeon through various spawning site reclamation efforts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to evaluate the effectiveness of these habitat and spawning site restoration efforts so that 'best practices' can be determined for future application; and


WHEREAS, the activities proposed under this grant application are eligible activities for funding under the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and are consistent with the goals of the Program.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program in the amount of \$249,950 for Fiscal Year 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians commits to an In-Kind Match in the amount of \$56,000 to support the project implementation activities.

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 on March 23, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Jarline M. Sam, Council Recorder


Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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