



**UCUT RESOLUTION 2020-003
Northern Pike Resolution**

WHEREAS: the Upper Columbia United Tribes is a duly constituted intertribal commission of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians, by authority of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT); and,

WHEREAS: under the Constitution and By-Laws of the UCUT, the UCUT Commission is charged with the duty of protection, preservation, and enhancement of Treaty/Executive Order Rights, sovereignty, culture, fish, water, wildlife, habitat, and other interests and issues of common concern; and,

WHEREAS: the UCUT Member Tribes manage nearly 2-million acres of reservation land and co-manage nearly 14-million acres of aboriginal territory; and,

WHEREAS: UCUT Member Tribes maintain management authority of the waters of their Reservations and off-Reservation areas; and,

WHEREAS: the UCUT Commission classifies Northern Pike, *Esox lucius*, as an aquatic invasive, non-native, prohibited species; and,

WHEREAS: the establishment and expansion of Northern Pike, throughout the Columbia Basin poses a serious threat to fish and wildlife resources important to the UCUT Member Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: the establishment and expansion of Northern Pike is exacerbated due to hydropower development and operations in the Columbia Basin and illegal introductions; and,

WHEREAS: UCUT Member Tribes actively implement measures to control Northern Pike, take action to reduce their spread, and prevent future invasions on the waters of their Reservations and off-Reservation areas; and,

WHEREAS: the UCUT Commission recognizes that consistent Northern Pike management and policies are necessary for the coordination and the success of measures implemented by the Member Tribes and other governments; and,

WHEREAS: the UCUT Commission acknowledges that adequate funding for Northern Pike is a high priority; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that in light of collaborative efforts, the UCUT Commission advocates all appropriate agencies to fully fund the prevention, control, and eradication efforts identified in UCUT management of Northern Pike; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the UCUT Commission will work with UCUT Member Tribes to develop Northern Pike policy that could be adopted by the UCUT Commission and all Member Tribes.

CERTIFICATION

The Upper Columbia United Tribes adopted the foregoing RESOLUTION at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of June, 2020, at Spokane, Washington, with the required quorum present, by a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN, 0 ABSENT.



Darnell Sam, Chairman, Upper Columbia United Tribes

Motion: Gary Aitken Jr.
Second: Nick Pierre
Voting Record: 5-0-0-0