



# **WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

## **A Sovereign Tribal Nation**

### ***(Authorizing Publication of Manuscript Use of Expert Elicitation to Understand the Future Viability of a Threatened Salmonid)***

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe..."; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe, in conjunction with the White Mountain Apache Game and Fish Department ("Department"), has provided leadership throughout decades of efforts to prevent extinction and provide for the recovery of the threatened Apache Trout; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department, in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Trout Unlimited, developed and entered into a Cooperative Management Plan to manage and protect Apache Trout populations and habitat for the long-term conservation of the species; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department is requesting permission to publish a manuscript entitled: *Use of Expert Elicitation to Understand the Future Viability of a Threatened Salmonid*; and

**WHEREAS,** A better understanding of management actions necessary to provide for the long-term sustainability of Apache Trout is made possible through publication of recent science advancements; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council finds that the publication of the manuscript would help build the body of scholarship and understanding of Apache Trout conservation and would be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission for publication of the manuscript entitled *Use of Expert Elicitation to Understand the Future Viability of a Threatened Salmonid*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests copies of the publication should it be accepted for publication.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**Resolution No.04 -2024-084**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on APRIL 23, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ONE against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1, of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez 4-24-2024  
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 4/29/2024  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date