



LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION #2026-109 OF THE LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

TITLE: Approval of Conditional Tribal Fishing License & Child Support Compliance Agreement

WHEREAS, the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) is the duly constituted governing body of the Lummi Nation by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws, as amended, of the Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1, of the Lummi Constitution grants the LIBC the authority and responsibility to promote the safety and general welfare of the community by regulating the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the LIBC *"To Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en"* (LIBC Resolution #2012-025); and

WHEREAS, the Lummi People, as a Native Nation retained, among many rights the right to fish in usual and accustom grounds and stations in the Treaty of Point Elliot of 1855, which has been affirmed by the US District Court in US v. Washington (1974), and was upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal and the US Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Lummi Code of Laws (LCL) §10.04.030 requires member to have their general fishing ID cards properly validated each year, before they participate in the treaty protected right to fish; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lummi Natural Resources department (LNR) is "To preserve, promote, and protect our Sche Lang en through caretaking of our traditional territory to protect, manage, and enhance the natural resources in perpetuity for the benefit of the Lummi people in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Lummi Nation"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lummi Nation Child Support Program (LNCSP) is to improve the lives of children. LNCSP works to minimize financial disputes between separated parents; ensure parents support their families in accordance with their resources and abilities; and locate and name absent parents to strengthen family and cultural identity. By helping parents support their children, LNCSP works to strengthen the future of the Lummi Nation; and

WHEREAS, LCL §11.06.030 imposes a duty of parents to support their children, and §11.06.010 establishes the purpose of the child support code to ensure consistent treatment and improve efficiency of child support enforcement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LCL §10.20.010, a tax on fishers was collected for many years. LNCSP collected a percentage of non-custodial parent's fishing tax and applied the funds to their child support cases. The tax on fishers allowed for collection on child support cases that otherwise did not receive support for the child/ren; and

WHEREAS, LIBC Resolution #2025-127 removed the fish tax due to the tax being inadequately collected and refunded to the fishers. Removal of the tax on fishers placed a significant strain on child support enforcement for cases with fisher non-custodial parents; and

WHEREAS, conditioning fishing license renewal on fishers' compliance with their child support obligations improves efficiency in child support enforcement and allows for more consistent treatment for all fishers with child support obligations; and

WHEREAS, efficient and consistent enforcement of child support obligations ensures our youth are cared for and strengthens the future of the Lummi Nation; and

WHEREAS, the LNR, LNCSP, and Natural Resources Commission (LFNRC) reviewed and approved the attached agreement and is requesting that the LIBC also approve the agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the LIBC hereby finds conditioning fishing licenses on compliance with child support obligations beneficial for consistent support of Lummi families and youths; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LIBC accepts the recommendation of the LFNRC and the request of the Kwenangets Director and LNR Director to condition the privileges extended to Lummi members to exercise treaty reserved rights to fish on fisher child support obligors complying with their child support orders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the LIBC approves the Conditional Tribal Fishing Validation and Child Support Compliance Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, to be used starting in 2026, without the need for another LIBC resolution each year. The LIBC additionally authorizes the LNR and the LNCSP to amend the agreement as necessary.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman (or Vice Chair in his absence) is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Resolution and any documents connected therewith, and the Secretary (or the Recording Secretary in her absence) is authorized and directed to execute the following certification.

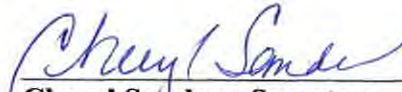
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**Anthony Hillaire, Chairman
Lummi Indian Business Council**

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Lummi Indian Business Council, I hereby certify that the above Resolution #2026-109 was adopted at a **Special** Meeting of the Council held on the 19th day of August 2026, at which time a quorum of 9 was present by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstention(s).



**Cheryl Sanders, Secretary
Lummi Indian Business Council**





Council Operations Action Form

Please turn in with resolution & attachments or with your agenda item,
to Council Operations, the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting by

4:30 PM If you have questions contact:

MelissaRM@Lummi-nsn.gov or ext. 2142

To be completed by Originator

Clearances	Initial	Date	Comments	Resolution # 2026-109	Agenda Date: August 18 th , 2026
Originator	SCM	8/3/26	*Working with NR Dept and NR Fish Commission to account for tax w/h not occurring any longer	Title: Approval of Conditional Tribal Fishing License and Child Support Compliance Agreement	
ORA	JRH	8/12/26		Name of Presenter: Kelly Jefferson/Shasta Cano-Martin	
Depart. Director	SCM	08/3/26		Financial impact (if yes attach Executive Summary)	Budgeted Y N # of Pages Attached:
Cultural Department	Ref	8-12-26		Distribution (departments or individuals who will need a copy of the certified resolution Circle all that apply):	
Treaty Protection Office (TPO)	BM	8.13.26		Planning	Economic Development
CBC Chairperson	Ang	8/12/26		Human Resources	Reservation Attorney's
General Manager If Applicable	EE	8/12/26		Natural Resources	CFO
Treasurer	By	8/12/26		Education	Council Officers
Chairman or Vice Chairman	And			General Manager	Other:
				Date / Name of Person Dropping off at Council Operations:	

Please give a brief narrative of your agenda item: Gives Child Support ability to verify compliance with fishermen/women agreed upon child support order and make timely payments to not affect his or her fishing license.

By signing below, I have completed the Action form assuring that there is approval from all listed parties before submitting it to Council Operations also; "Sign here" tabs have also been placed in all areas in need of signature.

Signature of Department: _____

Date & Time _____

Signature Received by: _____

Date & Time _____

To be completed by Council Operations staff:

Council Follow Up	
Date Sent to Originator or other:	
Staff Signature:	

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EXHIBIT A

2026-2027 Conditional Tribal Fishing Validation and
Child Support Compliance Agreement



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'Working together as one to Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en.'

2026-2027 Conditional Tribal Fishing Validation and Child Support Compliance Agreement

This agreement is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20__, between _____, Fishing I.D. # _____ (identified here in as Fisher) and the Lummi Nation Child Support Program. This agreement is required to be completed and followed to maintain eligibility for a commercial harvest fishing validation pursuant to Reso: 2026-109.

- Fisher understands you are required to make on-time full child support payments pursuant to your child support order (attached to this agreement). **Initial** _____
- Fisher understands that complying with your child support order is your responsibility and making full child support payments on time will be considered maintaining good standing under this agreement. **Initial** _____
- Fisher understands that failure to comply with your child support obligation will result in the loss of your fishing validation. **Initial** _____
- Fisher understands that if a full month's payment is missed, a notice of non-compliance will be issued. 14 days after the notice is issued, if you do not contact the LNCSP and make an agreed upon payment, **the following will be notified, and your fishing license will be immediately suspended.**
 - LNR Licensing Staff
 - LNPd/ NR Enforcement
 - Local Buyers
- Fisher understands that if you are unable to make a full payment on time, you are expected to communicate that with your Child Support Case Manager. **Initial** _____
- The Child Support Program will determine if you need to enter into an agreed payment plan. **Initial** _____
 - If you enter into an agreed payment plan, it will be attached to this conditional license agreement, and
 - Your compliance status under this agreement will then be based on whether you make payments pursuant to the agreed payment plan.

- **Fisher understands there is a second chance process.** If you are not in compliance with this agreement, you will be offered an opportunity to return to good standing and have the suspension on your license lifted by completing the following:

- Contacting the Lummi Nation Child Support Program, and
- Providing an update on your situation, and
- Making a payment, and
- If deemed necessary by the Child Support Program, enter into an agreed payment plan (which will be attached to this conditional license agreement).

- *If you do not respond or follow through, your fishing license will remain suspended for the remainder of the fishing season.*

Initial _____

- Fisher understands that nothing herein alters, modifies, or supersedes terms imposed within your child support order (attached).

Initial _____

- Fisher understands that your fishing validation is a privilege under the Tribes treaty right of the Point Elliot treaty of 1855.

Initial _____

Signature

Address

Phone Number

State of Washington)

County of Whatcom }^{ss}

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name: _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington. My
commission expires: _____