

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Resolution No. 5-5-04-257

In Support of a Petition for Rulemaking to Upgrade the Status of High Quality Rivers in Northern Wisconsin

WHEREAS, The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Band") is organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Subsection 476, and the Bad River Tribal Council is the governing body of the Band pursuant to the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VI Section (n) of the Bad River Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to encourage and foster the culture, wildlife, and natural resources of the Bad River Band; and

WHEREAS, The water resources of the Bad River Reservation are critical to the health, welfare, and cultural integrity of the Bad River Band; and

WHEREAS, The River Alliance and other conservation organizations within the State of Wisconsin propose to petition the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to raise the regulatory status of approximately 460 of Wisconsin's highest quality river segments in the twenty northern-most counties to Exceptional Resource Waters (ERWs) or Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs) through an Administrative Rulemaking under Section 229.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, These designations would place more stringent limits on the amount of pollution that may be legally discharged to those rivers under Wisconsin State law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rulemaking includes rivers flowing within and through the Bad River Reservation and Bad River Watershed that would receive increased protection from such raised regulatory status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bad River Tribal Council hereby supports the proposal put forth by the River Alliance and other Conservation Groups attached to this Resolution.