

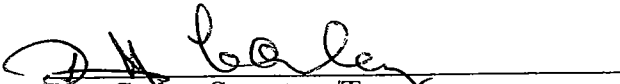
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RESOLUTION NO. 04-28
Supporting a Rulemaking Petition to Upgrade the Status of High Quality Rivers in Northern Wisconsin

- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a Federally recognized Indian Government organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. et seq.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles hereafter referred to as LCO Tribal Governing Board is the governing body of the LCO Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians pursuant to the LCO Constitution, Article III; and
- WHEREAS,** the water resources of the LCO Reservation are of integral importance to the LCO people for religious, cultural, medicinal, and subsistence purposes, and must be protected and enhanced on a sustainable basis so that they can continue to provide for the needs of the LCO community; and
- WHEREAS,** the LCO Tribal Governing Board accepts the responsibility for protecting and managing the natural water resources of the LCO Reservation within the authority conferred by the LCO constitution both in the exercise of the Tribe's sovereign powers and in coordination with the exercise of power by other governments and their agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc. proposes to file a petition on behalf of the River Alliance and other conservation groups within the State of Wisconsin 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 northern part of the state to Exceptional Resource Waters or Outstanding Resource Waters through an administrative rulemaking under Section 229.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed rulemaking includes rivers and streams flowing through and within the LCO Reservation which would receive further protection from the raised regulatory status; and
- WHEREAS,** the new designations would place more stringent limits on the amount of pollution that may be legally discharged to those streams and rivers under Wisconsin State law.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board supports the petition for rulemaking to upgrade the status of high quality rivers in Northern Wisconsin.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board, hereby certify that the Governing Board is composed of seven members, of whom 4 being present constituted a quorum at a meeting thereof, duly called, convened, and held on this 26th day of May; 2004, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 3 members, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Don Carley, Secretary/Treasurer
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board