

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, N. Kathryn Brigham and Sally Kosey hereby certify that they are the Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and at a regular meeting of said Board of Trustees at the Board Chambers of the Nixyáawii Governance Center, Mission, Oregon, on the 1st day of August, 2022, a quorum of said Board was present and the following Resolution was regularly moved, seconded, and adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Confederated Tribes) by the authority of Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes, adopted on November 4, 1949 and approved on December 7, 1949, as amended; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority “to represent the Tribes and to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments”; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority “to manage all affairs of the Confederated Tribes, including the administration of tribal lands, funds, timber and other resources, under appropriate contracts, leases, permits and loan or sale agreements”; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(e) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority “to exercise any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Confederated Tribes, but not expressly referred to in this Constitution, or any powers that may in the future be delegated by an agency of local, state or Federal government”; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) developed the first Energy Vision in 2003 “to reduce the pressures of the Pacific Northwest’s electricity needs on the Columbia River and its ecosystem, particularly salmon. The Energy Vision was prepared following the West Coast energy crisis of 2001 when many salmon protection measures on the Columbia River were curtailed.”; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Board of Trustees Resolution 10-021 supported CRITFC seeking a General Assistance Program (GAP) from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for, among other purposes, updating the CRITFC Tribal Energy Vision in order to “reflect current and projected climate change knowledge and identify revised regional energy goals and objectives for CRITFC and its member tribes that are consistent with addressing climate change impacts to tribal resources”; **AND**

WHEREAS, CRITFC proposed updating the Energy Vision in 2013 to respond to the changing energy landscape in the preceding decade specifically addressing strategies to reduce peak demands which harm salmon and identification of energy efficiency actions; **AND**

WHEREAS, in December 2020, CRITFC approached the member tribes seeking comments on revising and updating the Energy Vision to address four interconnected critical issues; 1) the existing climate crisis, 2) salmon at risk of extinction, 3) a push for quick transition to carbon-free energy and 4) recognition that poor energy planning can make things worse for salmon; **AND**

WHEREAS, concurrently with the Energy Vision review, Board of Trustees Resolution 20-No.No096 approved an amended Accord with Bonneville Power Administration, United States Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation through 2022 that included, a tribal study on a regional energy plan to provide solutions that include Snake River dam breaching and/or alterations coincident with the development of alternative energy and transportation sources; **AND**

WHEREAS, staff from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) undertook extensive reviews of the CRITFC Energy Vision in 2021 with the Confederated Tribes Energy Strategy Team and Management Team staff; **AND**

WHEREAS, DNR and OLC reviewed the draft and solicited comments from Confederated Tribes committees/commissions and staff including: the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the Science and Technology Committee on February 9, 2021, the Land Planning Protection Committee Review on February 9, 2021, the Economic and Community Development Commission on February 23, 2021, the Tiicham Conservation District on March 9, 2021, the Tribal Water Commission on March 2, 2021, as well as other meetings; **AND**

WHEREAS, in 2021 and 2022, CRITFC received, reviewed and incorporated additional comments from over thirty reviewers into the Energy Vision which was released in final draft form in May of 2022; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed the CRITFC Energy Vision with CRTIFC June 22, 2022; **AND**

WHEREAS, the vision statement for Columbia Resources and Energy is as follows: “CRITFC and its member tribes envision a future where the Columba Basin electric power system supports healthy and harvestable fish and wildlife populations, protects tribal treaty and cultural resources, and provides clean, reliable, and affordable electricity; **AND**

WHEREAS, the stated goals in response to the Energy Vision are to 1) create a regional energy portfolio that protects and enhances environmental quality, treaty protected resources, and supports the restoration of Columbia Basin fish and wildlife to healthy and harvestable population levels, 2) prevent new and reduce ongoing damage to Columbia Basin resources including fish, wildlife, water quality, and tribal cultural resources, 3) provide increased protection for both fish and wildlife and utility customers against unanticipated events, such as drought, fire, and market aberrations while providing an adequate, economical, and reliable electric supply, and 4) mitigate climate change impacts to protect Northwest ecosystems by replacing fossil-fuel electric generation and reducing the reliance on fossil-fuels for power, transportation and other uses; **AND**

WHEREAS, the recommendations include 1) improve river configurations and operations, 2) amend the Columbia River Treaty, 3) reduce peak loads, 4) maximize energy efficiency, 5) harness renewable resources, 6) strategically site renewable resources, 7) increase resource adequacy, 8) minimize transmission and distribution systems, 9) address the climate crisis; **AND**

WHEREAS, the CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin acknowledges that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Resolution #2021-23 called for implementing bold energy and salmon actions including restoring the lower Snake River by breaching the four lower Snake River Dams and offering a solution that invests in a stronger, better Northwest that goes beyond salmon, ensuring that communities impacted by river restoration are made whole, and that the National Congress of American Indians adopted a substantially similar Resolution; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Energy Vision is substantially consistent with the “Seven Principles for Columbia Basin Salmon Recovery” adopted by 12 of 15 Columbia Basin Tribes, including Confederated Tribes, April 2021, which principles include “1) the true wealth of our region begins with the health of our rivers, fish and the ecosystem they support, 2) agriculture is an important part of our region’s economy, 3) affordable and reliable power is important to regional families and businesses – tribal and non-tribal 4) providing legal certainty for the vast majority of federal dams in the Columbia/Snake River basin is a necessary element of a lasting solution, 5) a significant federal infrastructure investment in alternative energy and transportation provides a unique opportunity to restore salmon while keeping power affordable and maintaining agricultural commerce, 6) a comprehensive legislative solution is preferable to all other avenues and is urgently needed; and 7) the time for action is now. Salmon face an extinction crisis; **AND**

WHEREAS, The CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin is substantially consistent with the CTUIR Energy Strategy, and the CTUIR Energy Strategy can tier to the CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin; **AND**

WHEREAS, Confederated Tribes staff have reviewed the final draft of the CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin and recommend support and approval of the document; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**


RESOLVED, the BOT approves and supports the CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, the BOT assigns the Executive Director to coordinate the Confederated Tribes rollout and implementation of the CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin including, but not limited to;


1. Communications: communicate passage of this Resolution to the CRITFC Executive Director, coordinating public relations, announcements, and development/review of briefings;
2. OLC: drafting and review of briefings;
3. Tribal Planning Office: review and comment of siting standards;
4. DECD: review of energy project development proposals;
5. DNR: review of siting proposals for the protection of First Foods related to the Vision as well as cultural resources including archaeological sites, sacred sites, and traditional use areas and finally evaluation of energy technologies and their feasibility.

AND, that said Resolution has not been modified amended or repealed and is still in full force and effect.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2022.


N. Kathryn Brigham, Chair
Board of Trustees

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Sally Kossey, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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Exhibit 1: CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin
Exhibit 2: CRITFC Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin Executive Summary

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	LEAVE
N. Kathryn Brigham, BOT Chair				
Aaron Ashley, BOT Vice Chair	X			
Sandra Sampson, BOT Treasurer	X			
Sally Kosey, BOT Secretary	X			
Toby Patrick, BOT Member	X			
Lisa Ganuelas, BOT Member	X			
Corinne Sams, BOT Member	X			
Boots Pond, BOT Member	X			
Lindsey Watchman, General Council Chair	X			