



RESOLUTION NO: 2007-136

**BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE
INLAND CONSENT DECREE FOR US v MI REFERENDUM**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians adopted Resolution 2007-123 which sends the Inland Consent Decree to a referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors set aside the ballot question until there was a final Inland Consent Decree to be sent out to referendum; and

WHEREAS, there is a final Inland Consent Decree to be sent out to referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ballot question for the referendum called for in Resolution 2007-123 shall be:

"Do you approve or disapprove of resolution Authorization to Ratify the Inland Consent Decree see back of ballot?"

 APPROVE DISAPPROVE"

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom 11 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 17 day of September 2007; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 7 members for, 3 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE
INLAND CONSENT DECREE FOR US v MI**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is currently engaged in the inland phase of the *United States v. State of Michigan*, informally known as "*US v MI*", and the parties are: as Plaintiff, The United States of America, and as Plaintiff-Intervenors, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, vs. as Defendants, State of Michigan, *et al*, and as Amicus Curiae, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Bay De Noc Great Lakes Sportfisherman, Inc, and U.P. Whitetails, Inc, and finally as Amicus Curiae, the Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources, Stuart Cheney, Robert Andrus, Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy ("Parties"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties agreed to a binding settlement of the inland phase of *US v. MI* by executing an Agreement in Principle; and

WHEREAS, upon execution of the Agreement in Principle the Parties agreed to prepare a proposed consent decree and a stipulation for the entry of the proposed consent decree based upon the terms and conditions of the Agreement in Principle; and

WHEREAS, through lengthy negotiations the Parties have completed a proposed consent decree and are presenting it to their respective governing bodies for ratification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby ratifies the Inland Consent Decree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairperson, or his designees, to execute a stipulation for entry of the proposed consent decree, or other implementing documents as may be necessary.