

# SQUAMISH NATION BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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SUBJECT:

Squamish Nation Recovery & Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative

### Whereas:

Stl'Ihalem (grizzly bear) has been an integral and critical part of Squamish Nation culture since time immemorial – its presence in Squamish Nation territory is an indicator of the health of Squamish Nation land and people; and,

### Whereas:

The Squamish Nation Chiefs & Council will provide guidance to IRNR staff to ensure that our Stl'lhalem - grizzly bear is protected and recovered in ways consistent with our culture and traditional knowledge, values, laws, and customs; and,

### Whereas:

Supportive relationship with other Nations, Governments, and organizations are needed to ensure that Stl'lhalem – grizzly bear will remain, occupy and thrive in its traditional areas for all time; and,

## Whereas:

Collaborative management process will help demonstrate Squamish presence and responsibility for the land and resources and provide capacity to help the position of the Squamish and its member communities as leaders in the wildlife conservation; and,

# Therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. Squamish Nation declares that Stl'lhalem grizzly bear is at risk and protected within the Squamish Nation territory.
- 2. That grizzly bear population recovery and management is a Squamish priority to ensure that Stl'lhalem grizzly bear will remain, occupy, and thrive in its traditional area for all time.
- 3. That Squamish Nation staff under direction from Chiefs & Council will gather traditional knowledge, practice, and work to build the supportive relationships and projects needed to help Stl'lhalem grizzly bear survive and recover throughout Squamish Nation territory using best available information, practices, and scientific knowledge balance with our traditional knowledge and protocols.

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