SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 53/2012

TITLE:	Support for Fisheries Research
SUBJECT:	Fisheries
MOVED BY:	Cliff Atleo, Proxy, Kyuquot/Checleseht First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Bob Chamberlin, Kwicksutaineuk Ah-kwa-mish First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried; 1 opposed, 3 abstentions

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations are the traditional stewards of fisheries and aquatic resources.

B. Stewardship and management require informed decision making.

C. First Nations seek greater capacity to access, form, influence, synthesize and create knowledge about fisheries resources.

D. Research about fisheries resources can complement First Nations needs for informed decision making and capacity building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to provide leadership in establishing relationships with academic partners and expanding the amount of scientific, policy, and economic research carried out cooperatively with First Nations about First Nation fisheries.

2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to establish a forum for research carried out by First Nations or research carried out by First Nations in collaboration with academic partners about fisheries to be shared and discussed.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 5th day of December, 2012 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF