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

Resolution no. 51/2012

TITLE:	International Collaboration on Fisheries
SUBJECT:	Fisheries
MOVED BY:	Chief Bob Chamberlin, Kwicksutaineuk Ah-kwa-mish First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Ken Malloway, Proxy, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried; 1 opposed, 3 abstentions

WHEREAS:

A. Fishing is an integral part of the culture, livelihood, health and economies of Indigenous peoples throughout the world.

B. Traditional knowledge, traditional management, responsible resource management, efficient harvesting, governance and decision making, and commerce are critical components of sustainable fishing for traditional peoples.

C. Many First Nations work closely with Tribes and Tribal Peoples in the United States on fisheries protection, fisheries governance, and aquatic product marketing.

D. First Nations and other Indigenous peoples have valuable experiences that can be shared with one another for mutual benefit.

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to work with the National Congress of American Indians to plan, seek resources, and convene an International Indigenous Forum on Fisheries.

2. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to make linkages with other international Indigenous groups to share best practices and strategies in fisheries management, fish harvesting, governance and decision making, and commerce in the fisheries and aquatic resources sector.

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

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