

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution opposing the proposed rule 'Definition of "Waters of the United States" Under the Clean Water Act'

Resolution No. 15-01



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and



Bill Anoatubby
Governor

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council is the nationally recognized voice of the Five Civilized Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have proposed significant changes (EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880; Definition of 'Waters of the United States' Under the Clean Water Act; 79 Federal Registrar 22187) to the Clean Water Act (CWA) that drastically expand the federal government's jurisdiction over land and water resources; and



Gary Balton
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of federal government jurisdiction would place onerous burdens on individual tribe members and tribal businesses through expanded regulatory permit requirements which are unwarranted and unnecessary; and



George Tiger
Principal Chief

WHEREAS, ITC member tribes, working independently and cooperatively with local and state governments and private property owners have shown significant ability to steward land and water resources on a voluntary basis.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is adamantly opposed to the proposed rule 'Definition of "Waters of the United States" Under the Clean Water Act'.

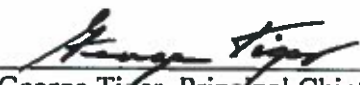
CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 2015, by a vote of All in favor for none against and 0 abstentions.



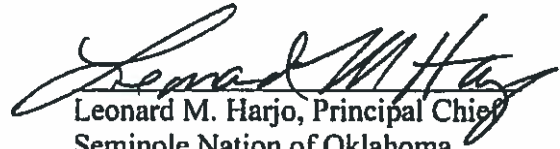
Leonard M. Harjo
Principal Chief


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation



George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



FOR Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation