ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 20, 21 & 22, 2010, WINNIPEG, MB

Resolution no. 40/2010

| | |
|---|---|
| TITLE: | Security Against Impacts from Offshore Oil Spills |
| SUBJECT: | Environment |
| MOVED BY: | Ron Lameman ,Proxy, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, AB |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Morely Googoo, Waycobah First Nation, NS |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. The recent BP Offshore Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has brought world attention to the hazards of offshore oil drilling;

B. Self regulation and disaster preparation by the oil industry has been proven ineffective and untrustworthy by the House Energy and Commerce Committee Meeting in the United States Congress;

C. Oil spills in the United States can feasibly impact the coastal resources on which First Nations rely;

D. Diluted contaminants derived from the oil flowing into the Gulf of Mexico will be dispersed throughout the world's oceans and could impact coastal resources in Atlantic Canada;

E. The impacts from off-shore oil disasters are far reaching and long lasting;

F. Oil drilling operations occur in biologically diverse regions off the coast of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and the Northwest Territories;

G. Any accidents from off-shore oil operations in Canada would drastically impact First Nations' fisheries and disrupt First Nations' traditional relationship with the environment;

H. First Nations have and will continue to protect the water and all that lives within the water;

I. First Nations women are the traditional custodians of the water.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 22nd day of July, 2010 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF

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

1. Call upon the Government of Canada to develop an emergency offshore oil spill strategy that is capable of coping with oil leaks of a magnitude similar to that in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. Urge the Government of Canada to clarify and reassess bilateral agreements with the United States regarding oil spill clean up and liability for damage caused by oil spills.
3. Remind the Government of Canada of its duty to protect the livelihood of First Nations impacted by oil spills.
4. Seek to work with the National Congress of American Indians to push for greater protection from offshore oil spills.
5. Declare support for the Indigenous Nations in the United States that are impacted by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 22nd day of July, 2010 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF