



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native  
Sisterhood  
Grand Camp**



**RESOLUTION NO. # 14-12**

**Title: REQUESTING EVERY ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS ANCSA ENTITY AND TRIBE ESTABLISH ON A MAP ITS TRADITIONAL LANDS, AIR AND WATERS AND ASSERT DOMINION OVER THESE LANDS AND WATERS THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT FEDERAL AGENCIES AND CONGRESS IN ORDER TO PROTECT FOOD SUPPLIES INCLUDING HERRING**

***WHEREAS***, two communities, Angoon and Sitka, have submitted petitions to protect, preserve and promote their traditional foods important to the culture, history, tradition and health of the community, its people and environment; and

***WHEREAS***, the traditional people of Alaska and North America consider the environment of their traditional ecological territory to be sacred and as such is vital that they protect it for all life in this territory, and

***WHEREAS***, protective boundaries are needed in all communities in addition to Sitka and Angoon, and

***WHEREAS***, ANCSA and its amendment, ANILCA are “Indian legislation” and as such must be treated as a treaty right; and

***WHEREAS***, Goldschmidt and Haas (Haa Ani) reports tribal territory but recognized by some as being incomplete; and

***WHEREAS***, each community showing unity by development of Tribal Ecological Boundaries would be of great service to the management of resources such as herring and salmon that really know no boundary but are subject to industrial efforts that have the potential to decimate local populations which individual communities rely upon; and

***WHEREAS***, the development of Tribal Ecological Territory empowers Tribes to work with federal and other agencies who seek to participate in protecting and enhancing the woods, streams and waters within traditional territories and to develop meaningful directions for protection of resources for the health of the community and to allow for the development of traditional harvests and market

development that will in return assist in returning and retaining the traditional lifestyle in a healthy and meaningful way; and

**WHEREAS**, the current permitting system favors individuals who have access to multiple communities at the expense of individuals residing in those communities that do not have the means to travel from community to community; and

**WHEREAS**, having the responsible federal agency consult with the Tribes in the establishment of permitting and harvesting of foods and medicines within Traditional Territorial boundaries allows not only for the tribe to protect resources that are important to the Indigenous people but allows for the development of a micro-economy that will assist in sustaining the health of the Tribal community

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in Petersburg, Alaska between October 8 through October 11, 2014 urges all local camps to work with their Tribes and ANCSA entities to identify and map traditional harvest areas and work with Federal agencies to establish a plan to reestablish herring spawning areas, understand the effects of commercial fisheries on local salmon stocks and do all things necessary to preserve and enhance customary and traditional use and production of foods to support their culture and economy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, urges the USDA, the Department of Interior and the State of Alaska agencies to work together to provide funding to complete this work.



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William E. Martin  
ANB Grand President



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Freda M. Westman  
ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Petersburg, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through October 11, 2014.



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Colette Buchanan  
ANB Grand Secretary