



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



RESOLUTION No. 14-14

Title: Cultural Hunting, Fishing and Gathering

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) have Cultural Hunt permit processes that are not certain or predictable; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Hunt permit process is a result of legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Hunt permit process is for Alaska Natives only; and

WHEREAS, Clans, Native Organizations and Cultural Educations programs can apply for the Cultural Hunt permit

WHEREAS, The Cultural Hunt permit programs addresses Memorial Ceremonies

WHEREAS, The Cultural Hunt permit programs addresses Cultural Education

WHEREAS, The Cultural Hunt permit process timeline is nebulous for permit acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp assembled in Petersburg, Alaska between October 8 through October 11, 2014 request the U.S. Forest Service and ADF&G work on streamlining the Cultural hunt permit process and adding transparency by providing instructional documentation so that the process is better understood, consistent and better utilized to permit consumption and use of traditional foods at Native events such as Grand Camp, spiritual gatherings, celebration of Elders, funerary and mortuary events, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, urges the Federal Subsistence Board, Forest Service and the ADF&G enter into memorandum of understandings (MOU) with each interested Tribe providing for the take of fish and wildlife for cultural and educational

purposes. The MOU's will describe that the harvest will be conducted consistent with recognized principles of fish and wildlife conservation and support the satisfaction of "Subsistence needs" consistent with ANILCA Title VIII.



William E. Martin
ANB Grand President



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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.



Colette Buchanan
ANB Grand Secretary