



ANB – ANS
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION GC 2015 - 15-29

Title: Black Seaweed Should Not Be Commercialized in Traditional and Customary Use Areas within the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS, Black Seaweed is a traditional food source and is becoming over-harvested in subsistence areas; and

WHEREAS, if harvesting of Black Seaweed is done incorrectly, it will be eliminated forever; and

WHEREAS, there is an increase of Black Seaweed in the global markets; and

WHEREAS, Black Seaweed is naturally grown in limited areas in Alaska. Locally, there are only 2-3 areas around Prince of Wales Island where Black Seaweed is harvested; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaskan communities of Kake and Sitka have only enough Black Seaweed for their own subsistence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2015, the Centennial Year of the ANS, requests that Black Seaweed not be commercialized in the Traditional and Customary use areas in the state of Alaska.

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