



ANB – ANS GRAND CAMP
Wrangell, ALASKA – OCTOBER 2015

Resolution #15-00 34

Title: BANNING DRAGGER'S INCIDENTAL BY-CATCH

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood works to better the lives of Native American people and their families; to continue to fight for civil rights, land rights, and inherent rights of traditional fishing and hunting for all Alaska Native people; to share the cultural knowledge and wisdom of Native citizens; and to strive for a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood among all people; and

WHEREAS, Dragger fishing nets are pulled on the bottom of the ocean to catch a particular target fish, but other species such as salmon, halibut, crab, etc. are caught in the same net. Salmon, halibut, and crab are called incidental catch. As the result, thousands of tons of edible fish are dumped over the side each day; and

WHEREAS, Fishing industry leaders realize the need to reduce this phenomenon. The incidental or by-catch that is dumped over the side is worth 20 times more than the fish that is targeted. Dragging is like an apple orchard farmer who chops limbs off a tree to get the apples. If the draggers are not stopped, salmon, halibut, crab, and red snapper (to name a few) will be history to all of us; and

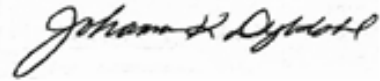
RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2015, the Centennial Year of the ANS, take immediate action regarding Alaska Native inherent right of traditional fishing that is gravely affected from dragger by-catch through wanton waste of fish such as halibut, salmon, crab, etc. Subsistence fishing numbers are limited to 12 sockeye per day with a very short season, while draggers throw out millions of tons of fish; and

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, request:

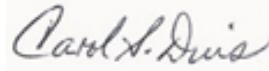
1. NOAA Alaska Federal Fisheries Management-North Pacific Fishery Management Council consult with Alaska Tribes government-to-government on all matters affecting inherent fishing rights; and
2. NOAA Alaska Federal Fisheries Management-North Pacific Fishery Management Council honor the inherent rights and sovereignty of Native fishermen, and ban draggers once and for all.



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