



Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-08

Title: A Resolution Supporting Fair and Effective Native representation before Congress on subject of Title VIII "Subsistence Rights" Protecting of Alaska Native Hunting, Fishing and Gathering

WHEREAS, Congress has commenced hearing on Title VIII Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA) with intent of conducting its first significant review of the resource management plan devised by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and modified by ANILCA; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) were very active in the original ANCSA and ANILCA as were Regional Corporation leadership through the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN); and

WHEREAS, ANB and ANS is a grassroots and democratic institution which took an active and broad view of customary and traditional harvest and trade throughout the ANCSA and ANILCA; and

WHEREAS, the ANB and the ANS has not been contacted by the Congressional delegation to testify or otherwise provide insight into the Question of Title VIII ANILCA; and

WHEREAS, the Regional corporation of Sealaska has not developed a plan with the villages and clans within its region where it holds title to land to develop a cooperative subsistence plan over the lands and resources it owns; and

WHEREAS, the Regional corporation of Sealaska did not successfully advocate that Congressional hearings on Subsistence be conducted in Southeast Alaska so that individuals, Tribal entities, community level or clan and family groups inputs could be provided on this subject of individual and community rights, and

WHEREAS, the Regional corporation of Sealaska has terminated consulting or involvement with Grand Camp of the ANB and ANS in serving to address the issue of Subsistence, and

WHEREAS, the Regional corporations in suggesting the exercise of cooperative co-management of resources with federal agencies over land owned by Regional Corporation does not negate the need for Tribal involvement in the management of resources within Tribal Traditional Territories, rather it misrepresents the shareholder exclusive rights to the Shareholder property, and

It is ANB and ANS's goals to:

- (1) Full and lasting federal protections for our hunting, fishing and gathering way of life, and
- (2) A co-equal role in managing the fish, wildlife and other renewable resources on federal lands that we rely upon for our economic and cultural existence; and
- (3) Exclusive hunting, fishing and gathering rights on ANCSA lands

WHEREAS: ANB and ANS are also advocating on many issues that impact our way of life, including the following:

1. Seeking improvements in the rural determination process and in the way the Federal Subsistence Board conducts its decennial review of rural/non-rural status of communities;
2. Requesting reinstatement of Saxman's rural status;
3. Advocating for legislation that would allow the use of bird parts in Native Art, clothing and handicrafts,
4. Filing comments opposing the Fish & Wildlife Service's efforts to redefine certain terms in the Marine Mammal Protection Act as they apply to sea otters;
5. Seeking legislation that would exempt Alaska Native subsistence hunters from the requirement that they purchase duck stamps;
6. Advocating for several demonstration projects that focus on co-management of fish and game.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , That the ANB and ANS in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013, agree that the Tribes, ANB and ANS, individuals and traditional clans (especially with respect to Landless Communities) not a consortium of Regional Corporations are the proper parties to advocate subsistence rights and that each of these entities through their respective leaders should chose their spokesperson to speak for them and that Congress and the Executive Branch's respective administrative agencies respect that directive.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Alaska Congressional Delegation, the Alaska Intertribal Council and to the Alaska Federation of Natives.

ANB Grand President

ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Yakutat, Alaska, during the week of October 9 through 12, 2013.

ANB Grand Secretary