



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-20

Title: Providing Protection of our Transboundary Rivers

Whereas the Tribes of southeast Alaska have utilized all the Transboundary Rivers of Southeast Alaska for Transportation, Trade, Economic and Subsistence purposes since time immemorial, and

Whereas the six Transboundary watersheds of Northwest BC and Southeast Alaska have supplied and continue to supply salmon which play an important role in the social and economic fabric of North America's Pacific coast, and these same salmon have a tremendous impact on the quality of life of Tribes and First Nations of the Northwest Coast that the spiritual, cultural and historical significance to our People is such that it holds a central place in the subsistence, ceremonial and commercial aspects of our people, and

Whereas these watersheds not only provide us with life sustaining fresh water, and provide a nursery for our salmon, but are vital for the health and vitality of our subsistence foods as well, such as eulachon, herring, steelhead, as well as plant and wildlife resources to vast to mention, and

Whereas these watersheds are now being explored for and the governments are providing permits for mining, hydroelectric and other economic purposes without comprehensively addressing the broad scope of ecological and social issues that are likely to arise across the entire Transboundary region in the face of potentially massive industrial developments, and

Therefore Be It Resolved that our Governments take the necessary steps to ensure the Natural and Sustainable health of our rivers and ensure that industrial development upstream in BC does not harm our downstream resources and way of life in Alaska

Be It Further Resolved that the parties acknowledge and recognize their responsibility to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with respect to the protection of our Rivers as well as acknowledging the Tribes and First Nations as an inherent and necessary party and work with the Tribes and First Nations on a Government to Government basis in ensuring the continued health and vitality of our rivers.

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 8 through 11, 2013.

ANB Grand Secretary