



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-22

Title: Request the United States Department of Agriculture USFS initiate and begin planning restoring Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian names to geographical locations in the Tongass National Forest.

WHEREAS, it is indisputable that the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people have inhabited Southeast Alaska since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of explorers, many felt the need to identify landmarks and geographical locations in Spanish, Russian, French and English; and

WHEREAS, all locations in Southeast Alaska had Native identification and names of every bay, body of water, mountain and geographical landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native community has and continues to resurrect and rebuild its Native languages; and

WHEREAS, there is a process to resurrect and restore the original names for Southeast Alaska landmarks; and

RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013 request that the Secretary of Agriculture initiate the USFS to begin consultation with the ANB/ANS and all federally recognized tribal entities in Southeast Alaska to identify landmarks by their original name and to begin the process to co-name or to restore the original name of landmarks located within the Tongass National Forest.

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