



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-28

TITLE: Support Petersburg Indian Association and Wrangell Cooperative Association, *et al* in addressing water quality issues on the Stikine River, its tributaries and other trans-boundary rivers.

WHEREAS, the Stikine River, or “the Great River,” as it was called by our ancestors, holds a central place in the subsistence ceremonial, cultural, and commercial aspects of our Tlingit People; and

WHEREAS, the Great River provides a nursery for our salmon and valuable hunting and gathering grounds; and

WHEREAS, our traditional foods and territory are essential to our traditional way of life and must be protected and conserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, there are two mines currently being planned on the Stikine River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, as stewards of our traditional territory for present and future generations, we cannot risk allowing these projects to proceed without having concerns over potential toxins affect the water quality and traditional food sources addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 16 agrees to work to work with, share resources, and information with tribal governments—specifically the Wrangell Cooperative Association and Tahltan Tribe—to draft a plan on how to protect the Stikine River against any adverse effects of mining in order to conserve our traditional land, foods and clean water.

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