



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-31

Title: Preservation of the Sitka Sound Pacific Herring stocks

WHEREAS, the Sitka Sound Pacific Herring stocks are being overharvested: and

WHEREAS, the guideline harvest level has been set at 20% of the estimated biomass for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, the guideline harvest level can be set from 10% to 20% of the estimated biomass; and

WHEREAS; for 2 years the guideline harvest level has not been achieved; and

WHEREAS; Title VIII of Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides for a subsistence priority, and

WHEREAS; the harvest of herring roe is of significant importance to the citizens of Sitka; and

WHEREAS; the Tlingit people have harvested the herring roe for centuries; and

WHEREAS; the annual harvest of herring roe is shared with citizens throughout Alaska, Washington, and California; and

WHEREAS; Pacific herring are an ecological keystone pre species for finfish populations (Salmon, halibut, etc.), marine mammals, marine and terrestrial birds, and

WHEREAS; the Herring Synthesis: Documenting and Modeling Herring Spawning Areas within Socio-Ecological Systems Over Time in the Southeastern Gulf of Alaska, completed by Dr. Thomas Thornton indicates that the herring stocks throughout Alaska were much more healthy than today's stocks, and

RESOLVED, That the 101st Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp Convention held at Yakutat, Alaska encourage the state of Alaska to take a more conservative approach to the harvest of the herring roe fishery.

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

