



Grand Camp Resolution #16- 22

Title: Hawk Inlet Resolution

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska Native culture and teachings directs us to consider our waters and land as sacred and calls upon us to honor, respect and protect these sacred bodies; and

WHEREAS, Our ancestors instructed us in ways of harvesting, preserving and preparing our food from our lands and waters as a way to be healthy and connected to our sacred surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Today and in the future Alaska Native voices need to speak for the protection of our sacred waters and land; and

WHEREAS, Today and in the future Alaska Natives need to benefit from the careful extraction of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, mining is an important part of the economic engine that can support individuals, families and communities in our region and state; and

WHEREAS, Mining, has a significant potential for polluting our waters and land for generations into the future, if not done with the greatest attention to water and tailings disposal handling of ore. This pollution puts the miners, subsistence gatherers, sportsmen and commercial fisherman and all consumers at significant health risks; and

WHEREAS, Hawk Inlet and adjacent lands and waters on Admiralty Island are showing scientifically verifiable indications of pollution from Greens Creek mine operation; and

WHEREAS, Greens Creek mine has Congressional authority to operate until the year 2095 and the tailings and waste water will have to be monitored and treated forever.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8, 2016, Grand Camp and local camps call for immediate identification of sources of mine pollution, mitigation of impacts, increased monitoring and the creation of a collaborative scientific and stakeholder body (including members from ANS and ANB) to act in an advisory oversight capacity for Hawk Inlet and surrounding lands and waters.

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