



Grand Camp Resolution #16- 21

Title: Cap Sitka Sound Sac Roe Fishery Harvest Rate at 10%

WHEREAS, the Sitka ANB Camp #1 and Sitka ANS Camp #4 Request the State of Alaska to Cap the Sitka Sound Sac Roe Fishery Harvest Rate at 10% and to develop an Integrated Ecosystem Based Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 tribal citizens depend on their customary and traditional harvesting of herring eggs which constitutes our nutritional, spiritual, and cultural foundation since time immemorial and herring are the life support of our ecosystem, nourishing the salmon, halibut, and marine mammals we depend on; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971, addressing Alaska Native claims to ownership of Alaska's lands, based on "aboriginal use and occupancy"; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (ANILCA) TITLE VIII enacting Federal legislation granting subsistence priority for rural residents over the priority harvest of all fish and game; and meanwhile the State of Alaska continues to aggressively promote, enhance and develop their own fish policies, procedures and management that vigorously attempt to extinguish our aboriginal way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Subsistence has documented that in seven out of the last 14 years, the amount necessary for subsistence herring egg harvest needs have not been met yet again; and many Natives did not receive any herring eggs this year; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska has worked many years to insure the cultural and traditional harvest of herring eggs has both reasonable access and levels for subsistence in the Sitka Sound area.

WHEREAS, the Togiak herring fisheries has continued even though the state of Alaska lacks funds for stock assessment creating further pressure on Sitka stock.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8, 2016, demand the State of Alaska close the Sitka herring roe fishery for five years until the herring biomass recovers to ensure for future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, once a healthy stock has been recovered, we respectfully request the herring sac roe fishery be capped at 10% of the biomass and to develop an Integrated Ecosystem Based Management Plan;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the memorandum of agreement between the State of Alaska and Sitka Tribe be reconstituted to co-manage the herring roe fisheries.

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