



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-11

Title: **Waste and Waste Water Discharges by Cruise Ships**

WHEREAS, waste and waste water discharges from cruise vessels and their effects on the ecosystem were studied by Team Data from Juneau Douglas High School, where students conducted a comprehensive study and provided much of the data below; and

WHEREAS, The wastes from cruise ships are black water (raw sewage), gray water (sinks, showers, galleys), bilge water (oil and water mixture), and hazardous wastes (toxics); and

WHEREAS, Federal and State regulations prohibit the discharge of many of the wastes listed above until treated; however, with cruise ships getting larger and discharging more wastes, we believe the present treatment systems are regulations do not adequately protect Southeast waters; and

WHEREAS, At the outset of the tourism industry, the environmental impacts were minimal, due to less traffic and fewer passengers; and

WHEREAS, While the cruise industry has attained higher standards than previous years, the waste disposal in Alaska waters, particularly the Inside Passage, has the potential for negative environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, ships the size of small cities have been bringing thousands of people from around the world to Alaska. In Ketchikan alone, over 1,000,000 passengers visit the First City every summer; and

WHEREAS, The cruise industry produces more waste than it can hold, bringing up concerns over the discharges from vessels and the impact on our environment; and

WHEREAS, New regulations are needed to impose better protection of the marine environment in Alaska;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, assembled in Grand Camp convention October 2018, urge the State of Alaska Department of Conservation (DEC) to assign a staff member to review existing regulations that currently allow discharge of waste and waste water into the Inside Passage waters of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The ANB/ANS Grand Camp delegates urge the DEC to assign a staff member to write new regulations that disallow the discharge of waste and waste water into the Inside Passage waters of Alaska.

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/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary
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/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
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