



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-17

Title: Supporting the Efforts of the Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC)

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) are the oldest known indigenous persons' civil rights organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the ANB and ANS is to better the lives of Native people and their families; to fight for civil rights for all Native people; to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom and artistic beauty of Native tribal societies; and to strive for a spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood among all; and

WHEREAS, Many of our ANB/ANS members in Southeast Alaska live in communities dependent on healthy fisheries for their livelihood and cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, These fisheries are dependent on rivers whose headwaters originate in British Columbia (BC) in the area known as The Sacred Headwaters including the Unuk Stikine River, Taku River, and Chilkat River; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia has built a power line into these critical headwater areas for the sole purpose of developing large open pit mines; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia has a poor record of mine enforcement and compliance as reflected in their own Auditor General's Report and as demonstrated by the Mt. Polley Mine disaster in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Two of these mines have been built recently and are in operation; and

WHEREAS, Several more mines, including two that will be among the largest mines in the world, are either fully permitted or are in the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, All of these proposed mines are in acid rock generating deposits; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that 76% of mines generate acid deposits which pollute water, and that planned pipelines to prevent water pollution fail at 64% of the mine studies; and



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WHEREAS, The Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC) was formed by resolution from 16 federally recognized tribes in Southeast Alaska to directly address concerns and has grown to include tribes in Bristol Bay, the Yukon watershed, and First Nations in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, SEITC desires the support of all indigenous people and organizations in order to protect our way of life through the strength of unity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, in Grand Camp assembled October 2018, formally support the work of the SEITC.

/s/ Sasha Soboleff, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Cecelia Tavoliero, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Sisterhood