



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019



Resolution 19-11

Title: REQUEST COMMERCIAL HERRING FISHING MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, The Sitka Sound herring stock is the last population of herring within the State of Alaska that provides a viable subsistence harvest of herring eggs that are shared throughout Alaska and the lower forty-eight states since the other herring fisheries in Alaska have collapsed; and

WHEREAS, Herring are a major forage fish in Alaska waters that transfer energy from primary and secondary producers up the marine food web to upper trophic level subsistence harvested species (finfish, marine mammals, birds, etc.); and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Subsistence has documented that in 8 out of the last 10 years, the amount necessary for subsistence herring egg harvest needs has not been met; and

WHEREAS, The last three years of subsistence herring egg harvests were the lowest on record since Sitka Tribe of Alaska began conducting subsistence herring egg harvester surveys in 2002; and

WHEREAS, 2018 and 2019 had a historically low spawn in Sitka Sound, and the 2019 commercial sac roe fishery was unable to open; and

WHEREAS, A study published in 2018 by Stanford University showed that fishing moratoriums could protect overfished regions without hurting people's livelihoods; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2019 request a 5-year moratorium from commercial herring and sac roe harvesting.

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