



**ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019**



Resolution 19-17

Title: OPPOSE COMMERCIAL HARVESTING OF BLACK SEAWEED

WHEREAS, Black seaweed is harvested for personal use by residents of southeast Alaskan communities; and

WHEREAS, World traders have an infinite market for natural seafood resources and have exploited herring for roe, sea cucumbers, clams and other natural food sources; and

WHEREAS, The non-Native exploitation of seaweed in Southeast Alaska demonstrates that uncontrolled harvesting by inexperienced harvesters can have a destructive effect on natural resources;

WHEREAS, The black seaweed resource in southeast Alaska is a limited resource that experiences up-and-down cycles and may not be able to support the current personal harvesting plus commercialization of the resource; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood urge that the State of Alaska not permit commercial harvesting of black seaweed in southeast Alaska.

/s/ Joe Williams, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Paulette Moreno, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

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

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Sisterhood