



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019



Resolution 19-24

Title: Protection of Sitka Herring Stock

WHEREAS, We strongly support Sitka's last year's Resolution, #18-16, to 'Protect Sitka Sound Herring Stock'; and

WHEREAS, Prince of Wales Island rural residents are greatly impacted by Sitka Sound's extremely low herring stock for our subsistence herring egg harvest; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Subsistence has documented that in 9 out of the last 17 years the amount necessary for subsistence herring egg harvest needs have not been met; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002, the Sitka Tribe surveys for subsistence herring egg harvests in 2017 and 2018 were the lowest amounts recorded; and

WHEREAS, We would like the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to amend the management of the Sitka Sound area herring stock to provide reasonable opportunities for Sitka Sound areas and Prince of Wales Island areas for our future subsistence herring egg harvests; and

WHEREAS, We need to manage our subsistence herring egg harvest so that future generations will be able to continue harvesting subsistence herring eggs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) Grand Camp continue to support the Sitka Tribe of Alaska in their efforts to protect the Sitka Sound herring stock and the rights of the subsistence herring egg harvesters to meet their needs.

/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