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AK Dept. of Fish and Game Boards Support Section

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Dear Board of Fish ,

My name is Paulette, and I am a member of Tlingit and Southern Tutchone Nation. I live in the ancestral homelands of the Clans of Shee Ka Kwaan. I am a women who has harvested our traditional food, herring eggs, for over a decade.

Critical decisions are in your line of view, As a Native Women Harvester, I join others to assert our sovereignty as a nation, and I expect your utmost attention on each proposal. Herring need true sustainability.

It is with the deepest respect for the wisdom of the Native elders and the voices that collectively state that the herring is in immediate danger of harm and harassment.

- EPA/MMPA, should have herring, protected
- Native Models of Conservation is Essential
- Fair Representation/ Fair Vote by BOF critical
- 5 year Sitka Sac Roe Herring Moritorium
- Traditional Alaska Native Clan, jurisdiction over resources, respected

I served as the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand President (2018-2021). I am currently a ANS Executive Council Women. " Here is my testimony, and other respected public testimonies, regarding the herring proposals and why your vote will be closely watched and recorded by so many.

Here's a link to the Sitka AC comments submitted to Board of Fisheries (AC08) (I testified at all 3 Sitka AC)
[:https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fishesboard/pdfs/2021-2022/se/AC08.pdf](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fishesboard/pdfs/2021-2022/se/AC08.pdf)

They're also available on the meeting page here:
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-10-2022&meeting=anchora>

Gunalcheesh, Sincerely, Paulette M.Moreno



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ANB – ANS GRAND CAMP
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Resolution #21-13

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 cultural food harvest of herring eggs for indigenous people 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 up the marine food web to upper trophic level of harvested species (finfish, marine mammals, birds, etc.); and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Subsistence has documented that in 9 out of the last 10 years, the amount of necessary herring egg harvest for the indigenous people have not been met; and

WHEREAS, The last four 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, 2019, and 2020 had historically low spawn in Sitka Sound, and the 2019 and 2020 sac roe fishery was unable to open;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 6-9, 2021, request a 5-year moratorium from commercial herring and sac roe harvesting.

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