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Tribal Council Resolution 2013-015

Opposition to the Reappointment of Tom Kluberton and Vince Webster to the Board of Fisheries

WHEREAS, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska is the federally recognized tribal government for more than 4,500 enrolled tribal citizens in Sitka, Alaska organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska is responsible for the health, safety, welfare and cultural preservation of its tribal citizens and their use of the Sitka Tribe's traditional territory; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's traditional territory reflects the lands and waters historically and presently the stewardship responsibility of the Sheet'ka Kwan and as such are composed of the western side of Chicagof Island and the greater reaches of Peril Strait, southwestern portions of Chicagof Island and the myriad islands as well as the waters between these locations; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is under represented on the Board of Fish since Bill Brown's resignation in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, neither Mr. Kluberton nor Mr. Webster have the knowledge of Southeast Alaska waters, resources or fisheries that is needed to adequately represent **ALL** user groups; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Kluberton and Mr. Webster failed to fulfill their conservation duties as Board members by declining to add herring to the State's forage fish management plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sitka Tribal Council opposes the Reappointment of Tom Kluberton and Vince Webster to the Board of Fisheries; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sitka Tribal Council requests that Governor Parnell and the Alaska Legislature fill one of the vacant Board of Fisheries seats with a Southeast resident to allow for adequate representation of the region.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a duly called and convened meeting of the Tribal Council of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska held on April 3, 2013, at which a quorum was present by a vote of ___ In Favor, ___ Opposed, ___ Abstain, ___ Absent

Signed:

Michael A. Baines

Michael Baines, Chairman

Attest:

Benjamin J. Miyasato

~~Lillian Feldpausch, Secretary~~

Benjamin Miyasato, Vice Chairman