


WHEREAS: BBNA has invested over \$500,000 in hydrological data for fourteen of the pending water reservation applications filed with DNR that would be nullified by the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS: these water reservation applications were filed to protect fish and wildlife habitat as Alaskan residents, particularly Alaska Natives living in our region are highly dependent upon adequate stream flow and clean water that support the unparalleled salmon returns vital to subsistence and commercial fishing harvests that sustain our region.

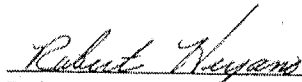
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it opposes SB 26 and HB 77 as it extends overreaching discretionary authority to the DNR commissioner, limits public involvement opportunities in decisions affecting water rights and land use, and strips individuals, Tribal governments and other entities from securing legally enforceable rights to maintain water levels critical for the life stages of salmon and other fish.



Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 22rd day of March, 2013, and that a quorum was present.



Robert Heyano, Secretary