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Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly

April 15-17, 2015

Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-16

Title: Mitchell Bay Outfitter Guide EA (Environmental Assessment)

By: Angoon Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with nearly 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Admiralty National Monument- Juneau Forest Service is currently considering a “Ecotourism” proposal within our subsistence areas of Mitchell Bay, Kanaku , Favorite Bay- out for public comment fall/winter 2015; and

WHEREAS, while this proposal is being promoted as development of “Ecotourism” *it clearly opens up* this area for Commercial Guides. It comes also with a promise to look for grant funds to train 10 local guides- sign up list was not made known to locals; and

WHEREAS, the Angoon people felt the need to protect this subsistence area- that we listed it in our Coastal Zone Management Plan as AMSA- Area Meriting Special Attention. In the past, our community honored ACA decision to close off this area for subsistence when the returning fish numbers were down. This area cannot sustain this proposed level of *competitive activity*- Subsistence vs Commercial Sport Fishing; and

WHEREAS, from time immemorial, we, as native people, have always stood up for the protection of our subsistence food locations; regardless of high unemployment or job promises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, will hereby remind the USDA Forest Service that their primary responsibility is to ensure our Native people the *undisturbed access to our subsistence resource*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Central Council will receive assurance from the Admiralty National Monument Juneau Forest Service- that every effort will be made to ensure that Angoon *general public* will be fully notified and will have ample time for input- secured and vetted.

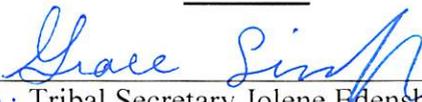
ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw