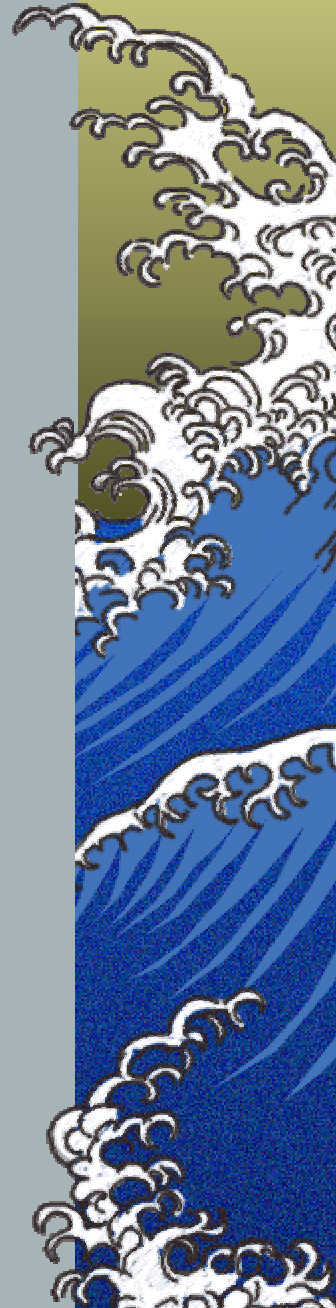


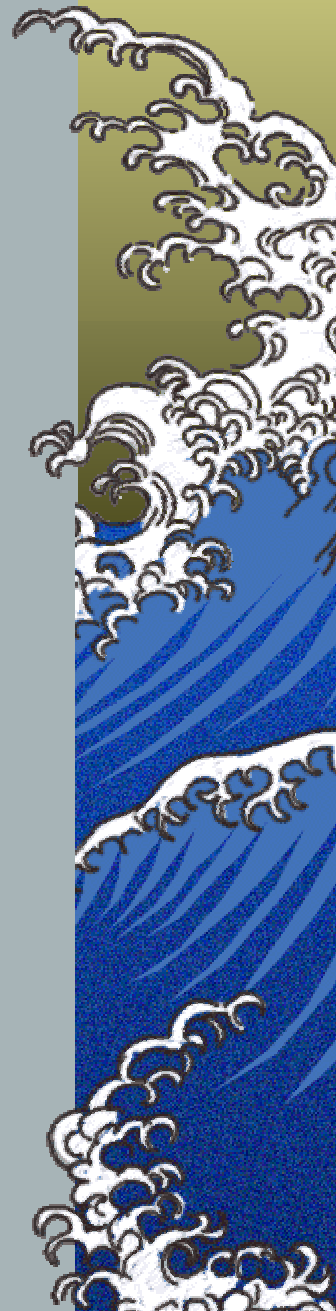
Tlingit, “People of the Tides:” Tlingit protections and uses of the sea

*Tribal Perspectives on Marine Protected
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*Jack Lorrigan, Tribal Biologist
Sitka Tribe of Alaska*

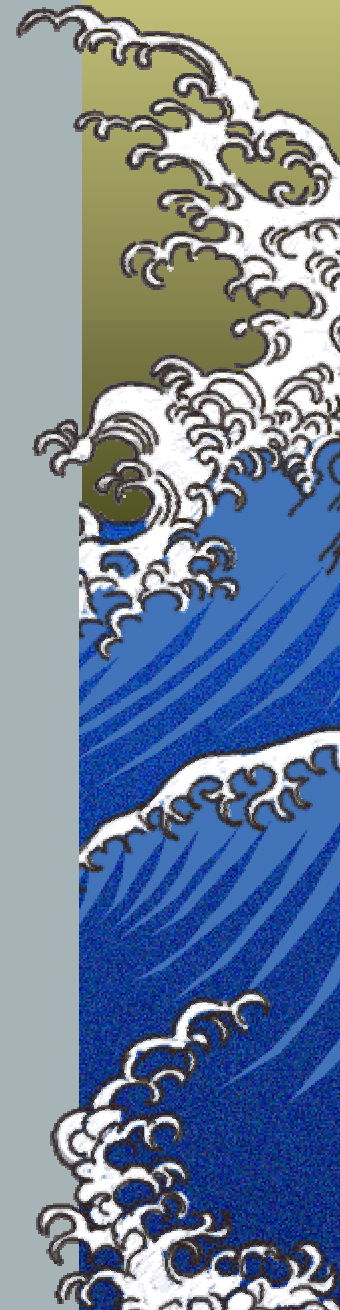
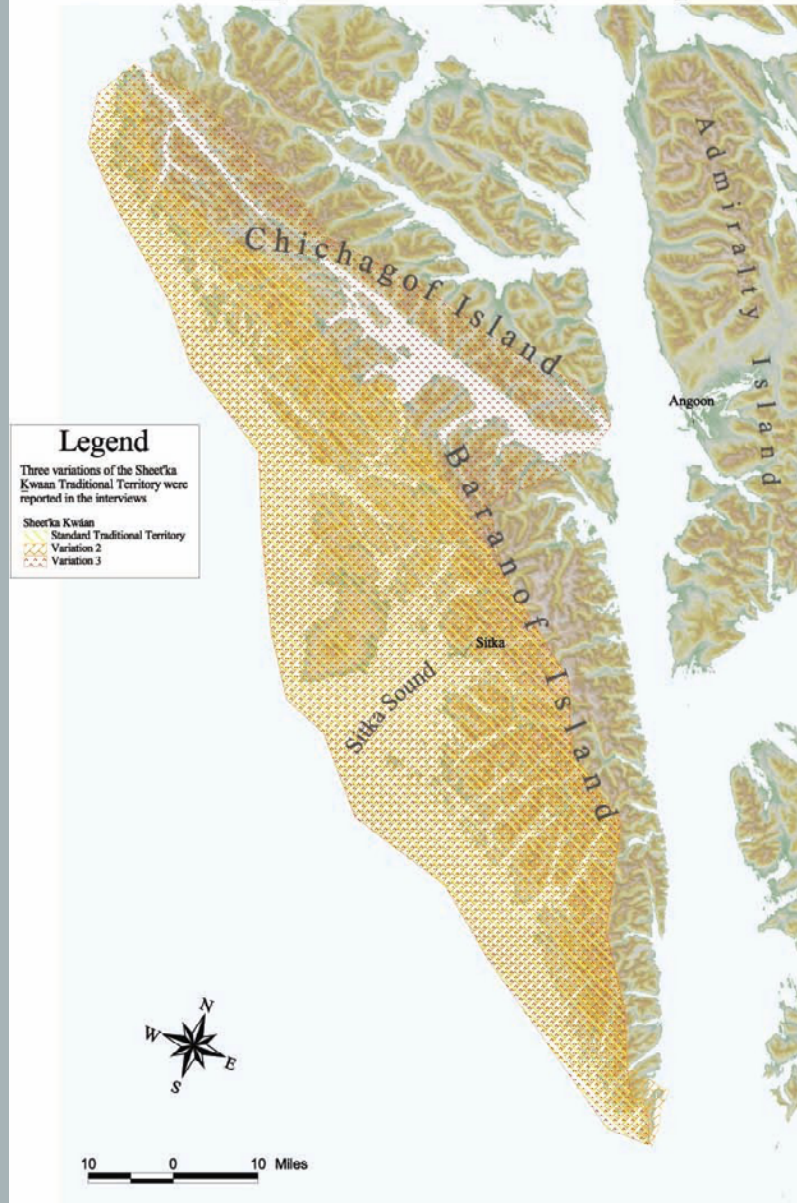


Sitka is located in the southeast Alaska panhandle 95 air miles south of Juneau, Alaska



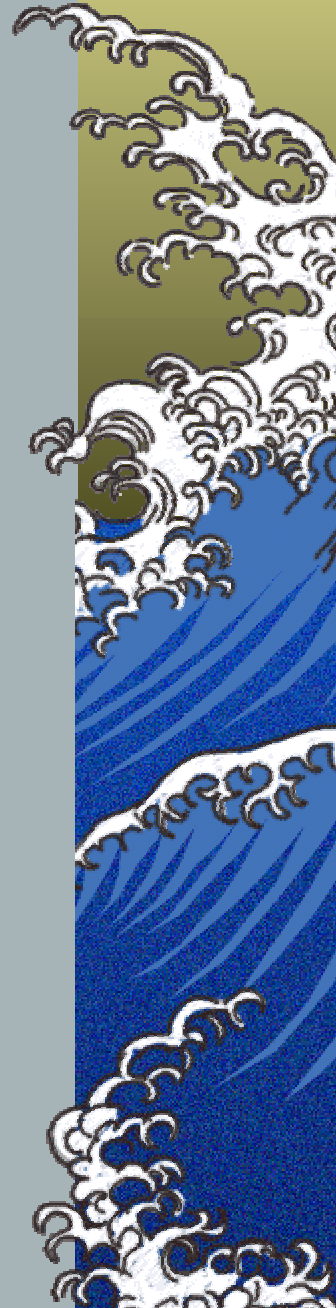
Sheet'ka K'waan the Traditional Territory of Sitka Tribe of Alaska

TEK Traditional Territories Project Sheet'ka K'waan Territories Map

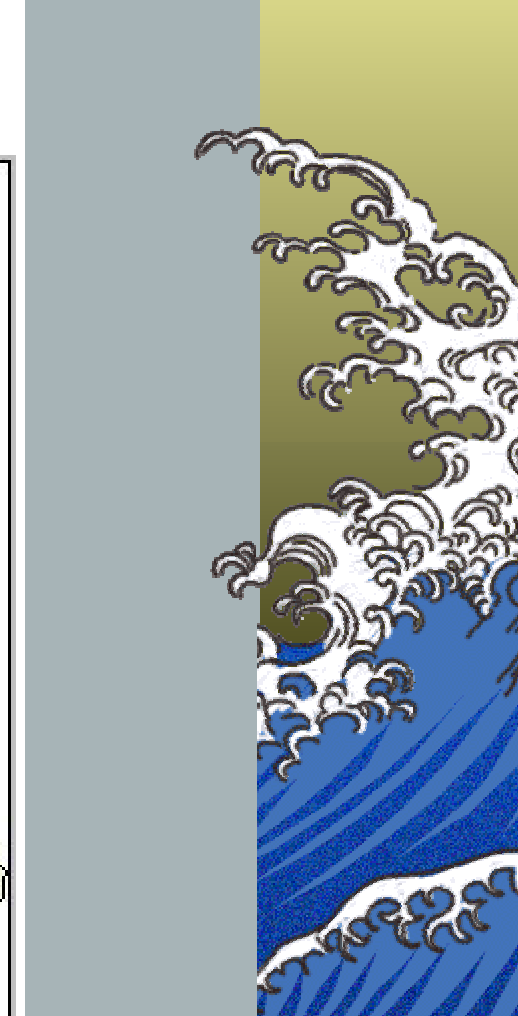
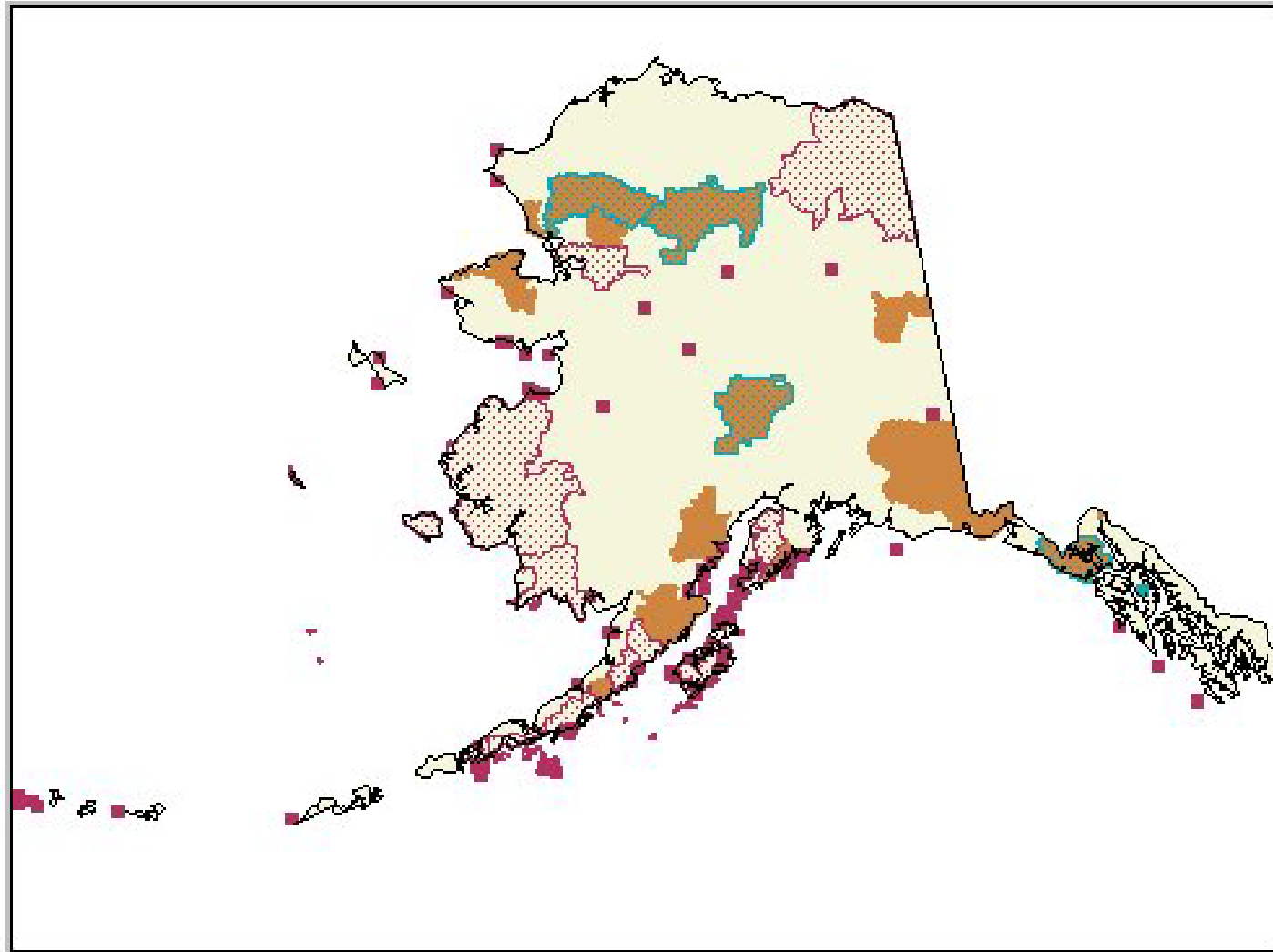


The “Pinnacles” and St. Lazaria

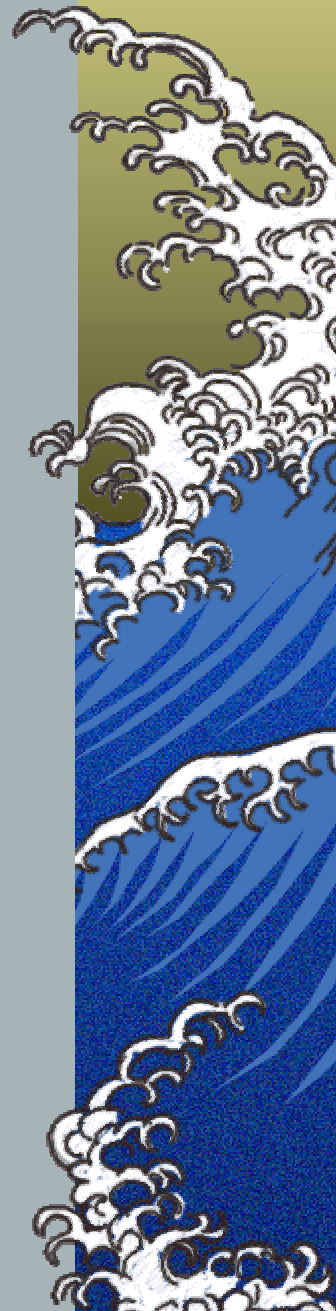
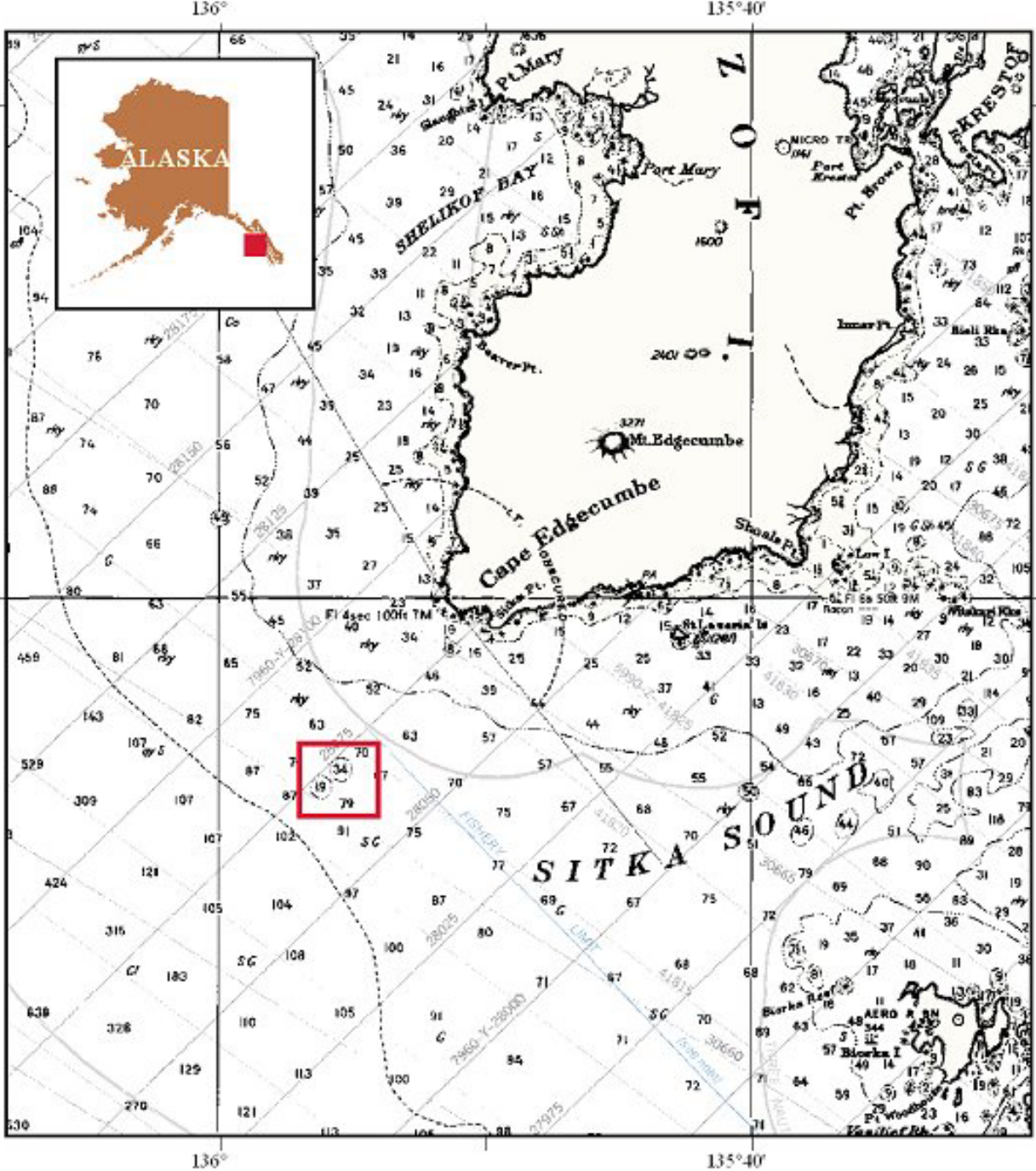
- ▶ *A rich marine reserve protected for its critical and unique habitat characteristics.*
- ▶ *Protected by an act of the Alaska State Board of Fish and the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council*

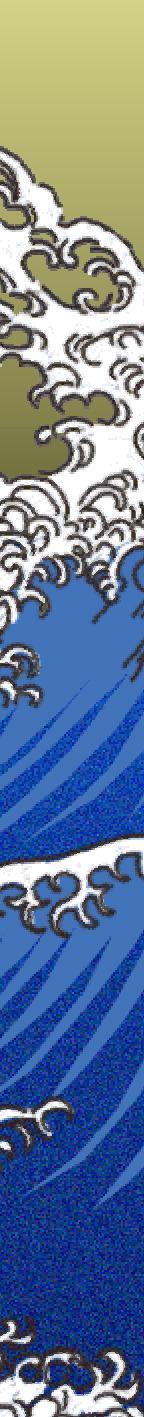
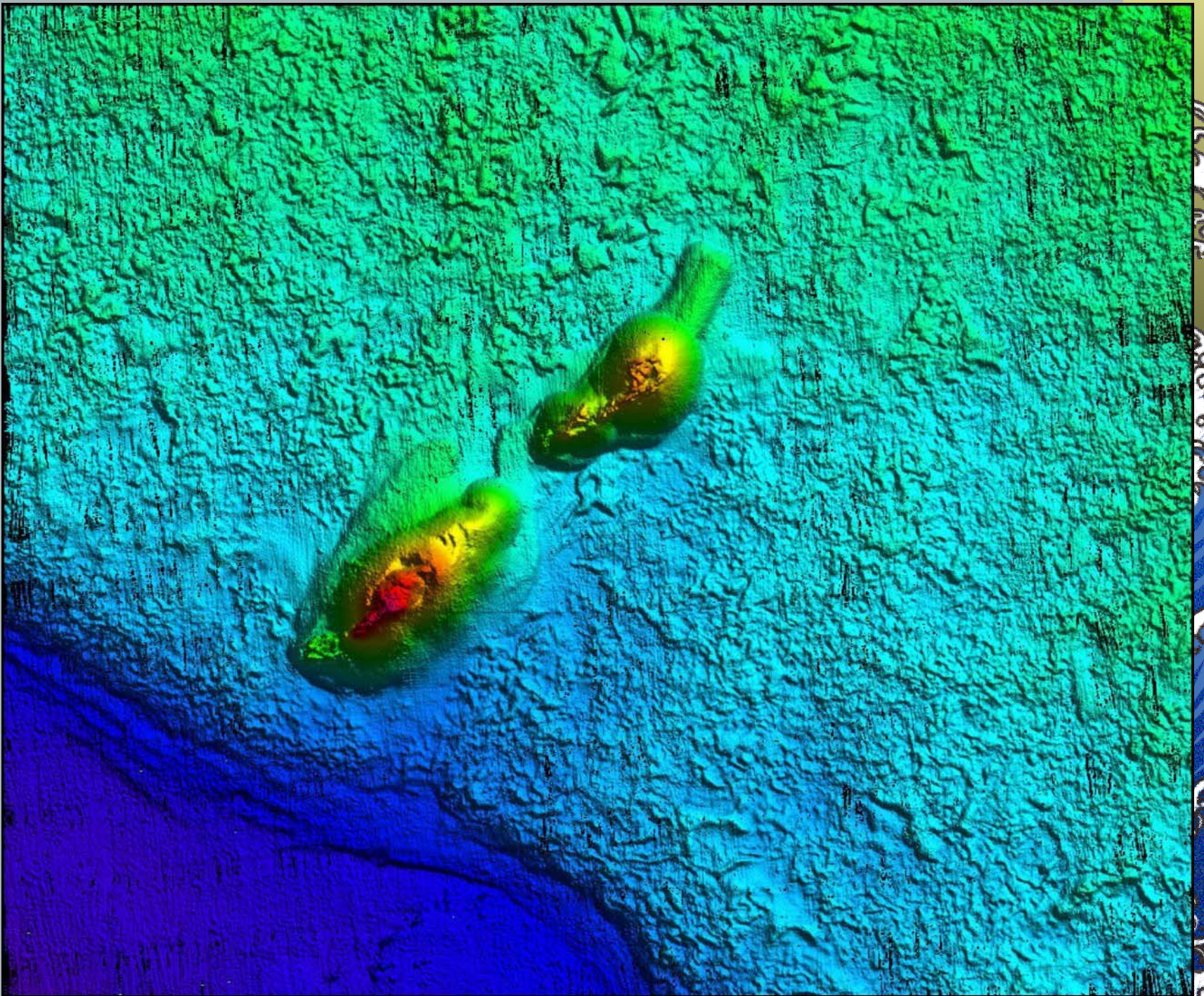


Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Alaska



National Wildlife Refuges	■	National Marine Fisheries Service Restricted Areas	■
National Wildlife Refuges	■	Closed Area	■
Man and the Biosphere Reserves	■	Closed Area-exemption area	■
Man and the Biosphere Reserves	■	Closed Area-groundfish	■
National Parks	■	Closed Area-seasonal	■
National Parks	■	Closed Area-temporary-sea scallop	■
National Marine Sanctuaries	■	Regulated Mesh Area - Exemption Area	■
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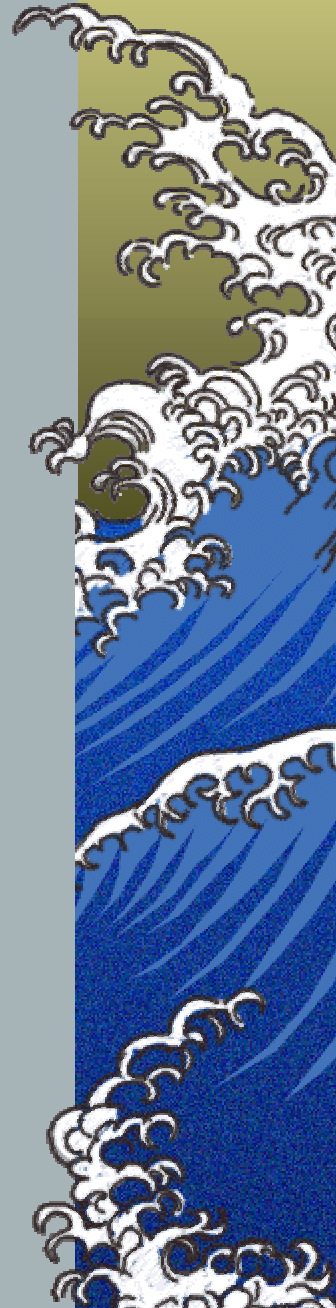






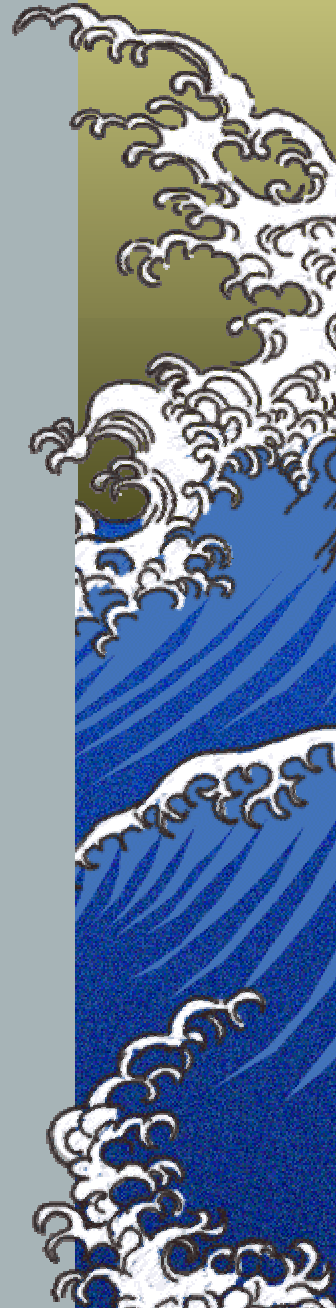
Traditional Hunting and Fishing in Alaska

- ▶ *Alaska has 220+ federally recognized tribes*
- ▶ *1 reservation - BUT no treaties*
- ▶ *ANCSA Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
- ▶ *was passed to settle aboriginal land claims, but did not address traditional hunting and fishing rights*
- ▶ *- basically to settle oil and it's transport question*

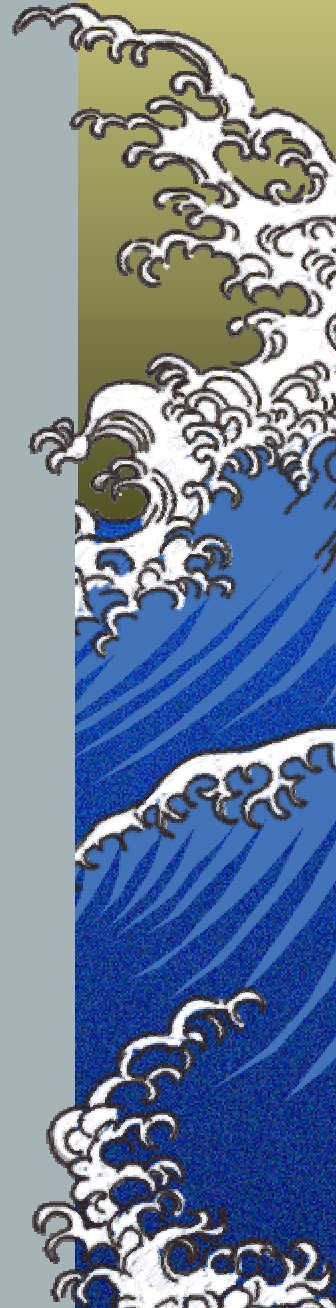


ANILCA

- ▶ *ANILCA Alaska National Interest Land Claims Act*
- ▶ *was passed to address these rights but not forever- and did not exclusively address Alaska Natives, but uses a “Rural” designation*

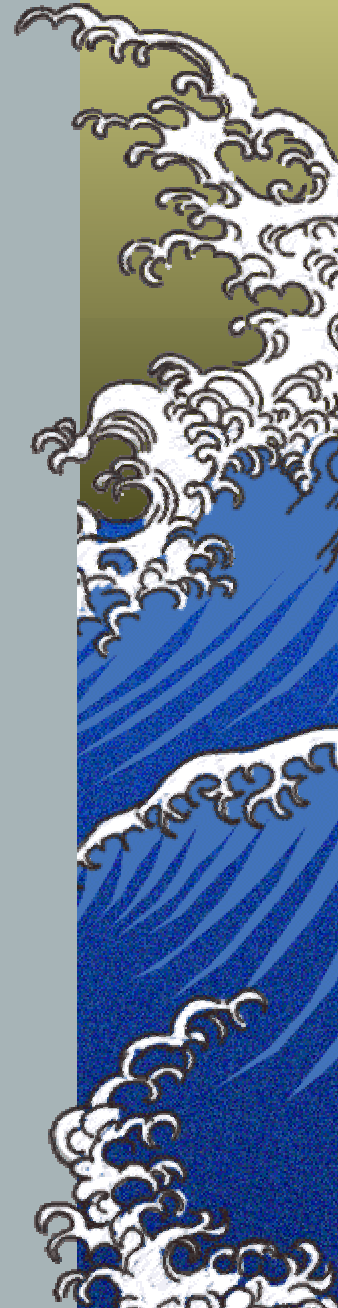


- ▶ *“Subsistence” from ANILCA-*
 - ▶ *Feds took over management of Subsistence on Federal Lands in 2000*
 - ▶ *This established the Federal Subsistence Board and local Regional Advisory councils*
 - ▶ *Southeast has the Southeast Regional Advisory Council that Sitka Tribe works with*



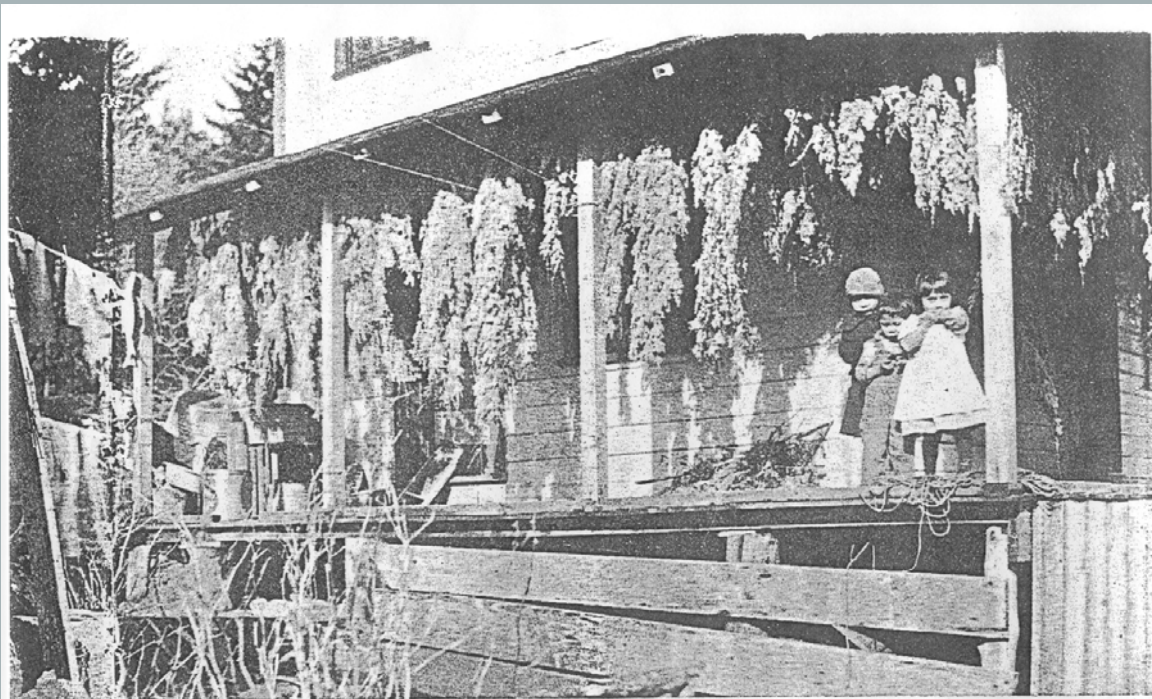
Alaska State Board of Fish

- ▶ *Sitka Tribe also participates in the Board of Fish*

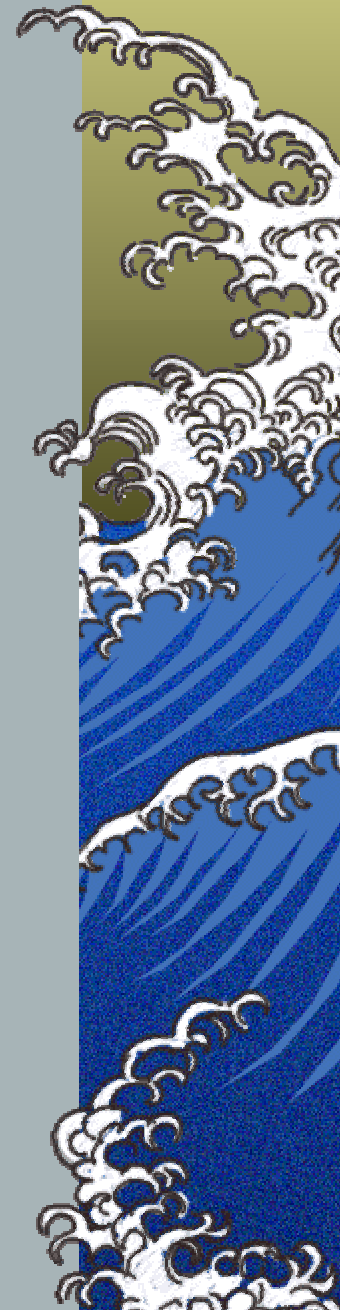


Herring Management

- ▶ *Herring are important to STA because they are a rich food source in between the end of winter and beginning of other spring harvests*
- ▶ *STA helps manage herring by participating the Herring Task Force*

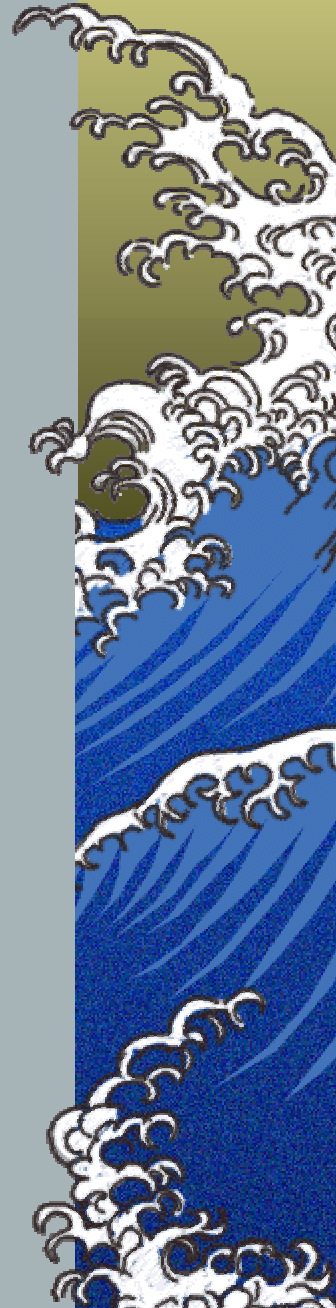


Fish eggs (herring roe) on spruce boughs, drying on the porch of Fred Williams' house.



STA Herring History

- ▶ *Our “Buffalo”*
- ▶ *1997 – Tribe is successful in increasing SS escapement threshold from 7500t to 20k*
- ▶ *2000 – Tribe experiences difficulty in getting roe due to seining activities*
- ▶ *Present – Through the MOA Tribe is considered an active stakeholder during Fisheries and is consulted through out the fishery*



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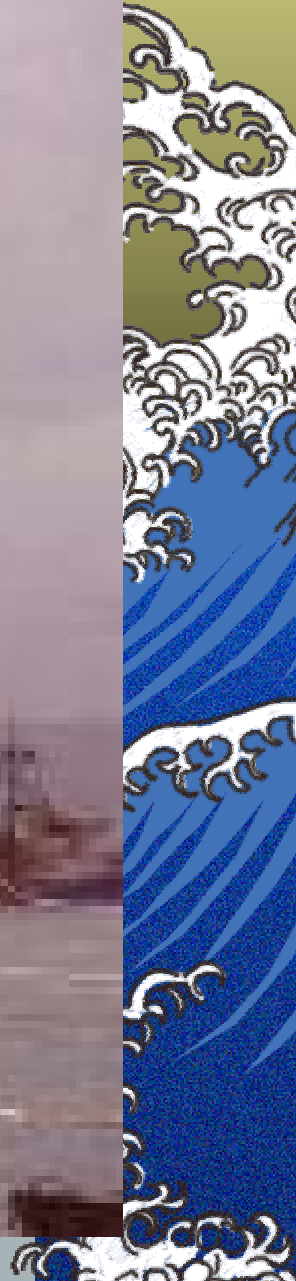
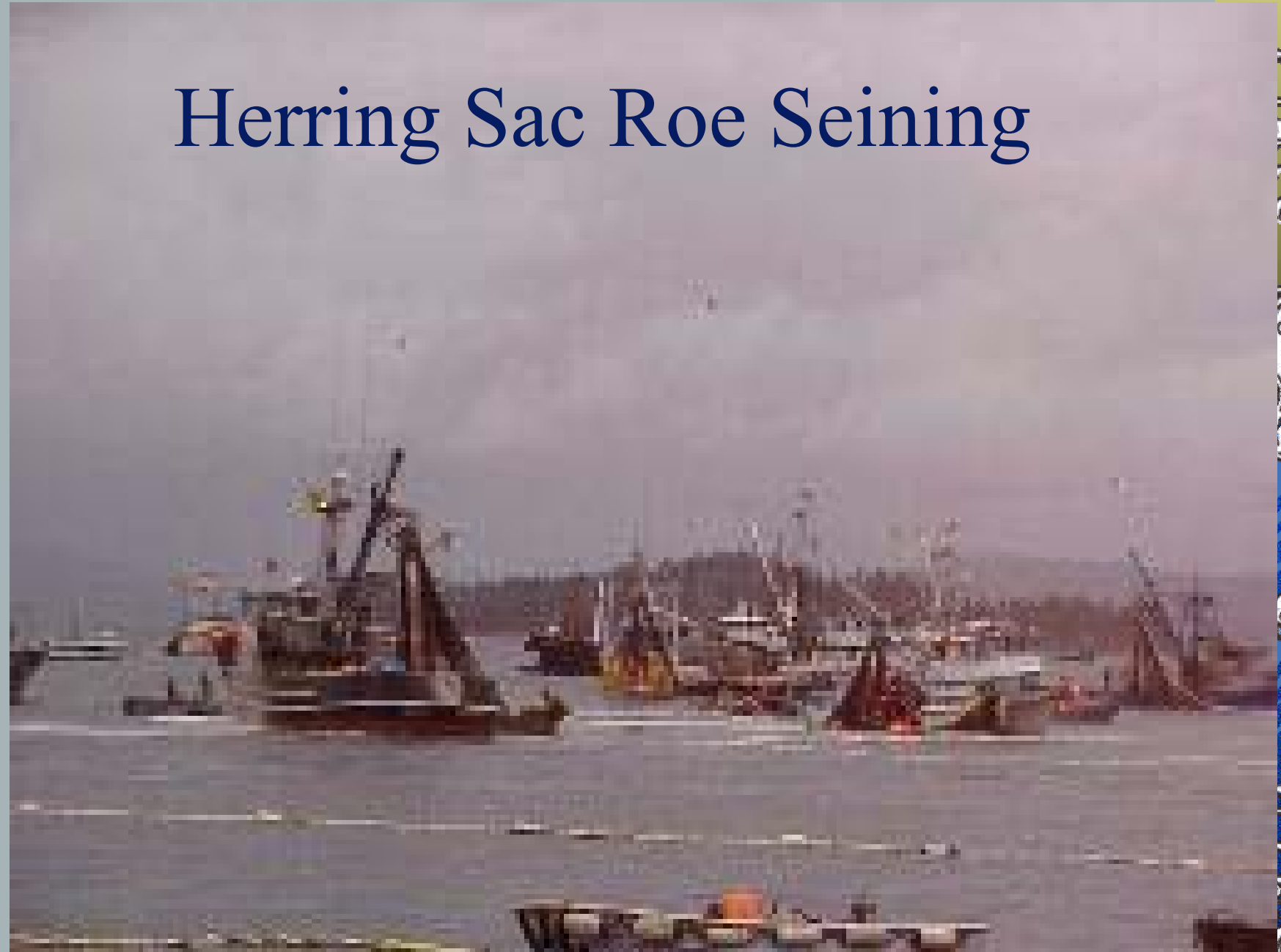


Sitka Tribe of Alaska Vice-Chairman Gil Truitt, seated at right, signs a memorandum of agreement with Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Frank Roe, center, recently at the Shee'ka

Kwaan Naa Kahili. Pictured watching the signing are, from left, STA council members Irene Jimmy, Gary Olson, Ted Borbridge, Herb Didrickson and Harvey Kitka. (Sentinel Photo)

STA, State Sign Herring Fishing Memo

Herring Sac Roe Seining





Herring Seining in Sitka Sound

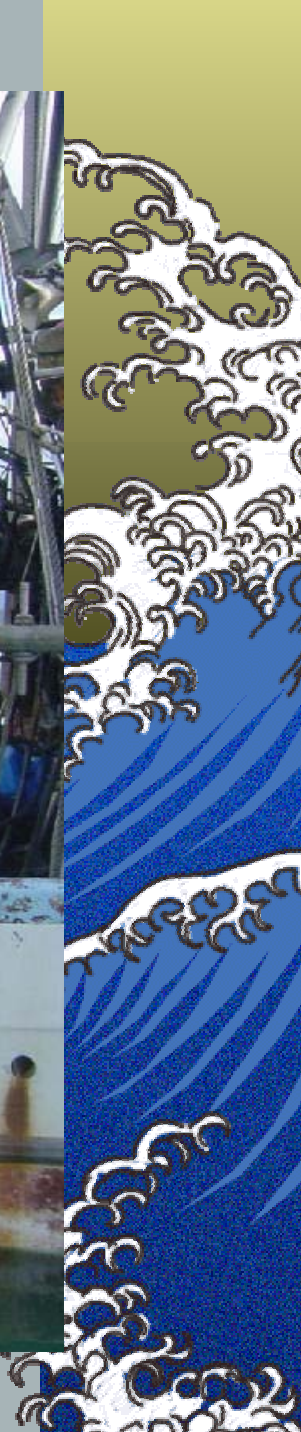


Aerial views of spawn



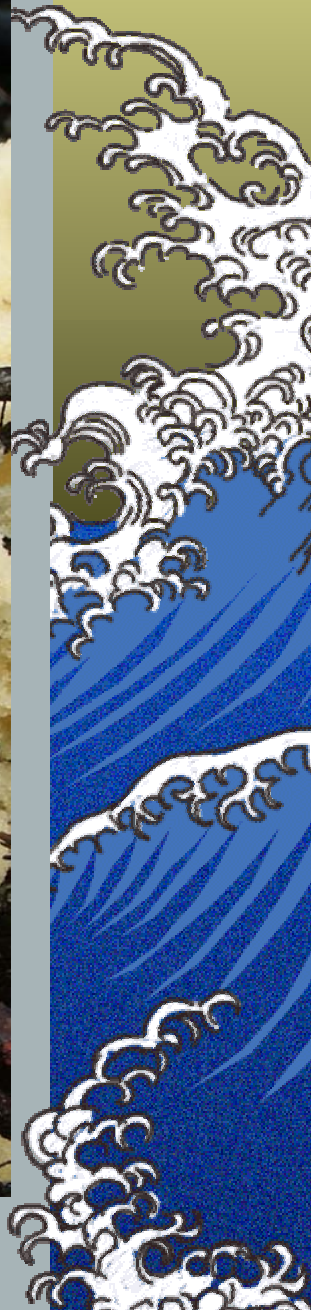
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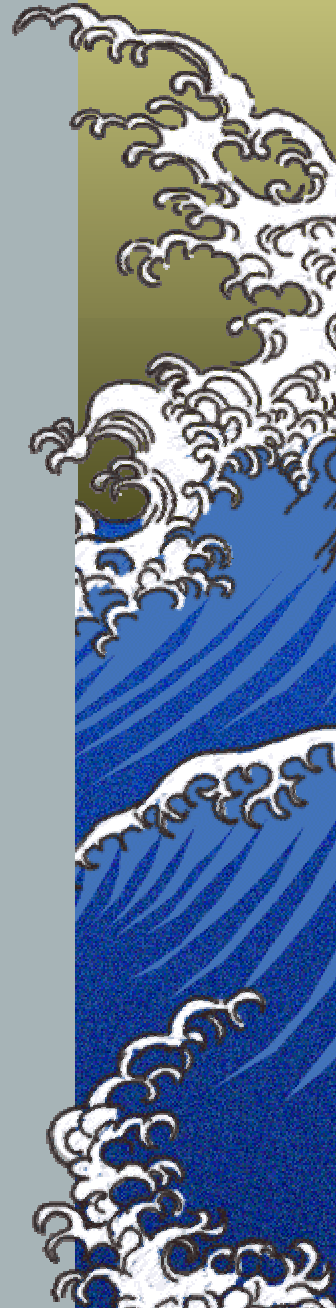


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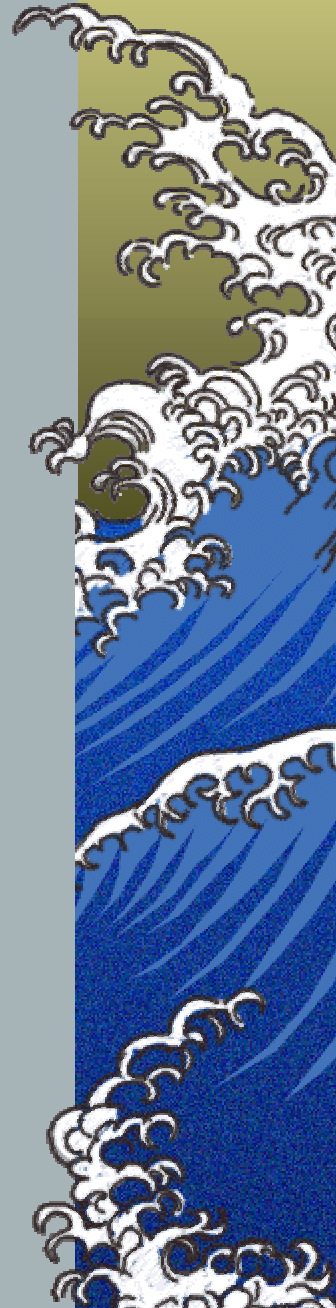
Halibut Management

- ▶ *Subsistence Halibut fishing happening since before contact*
- ▶ *Was illegal till 2002*
- ▶ *Subsistence Halibut Harvesters are now allowed:*
 - ▶ *20 halibut per day*
 - ▶ *30 hooks per skate*

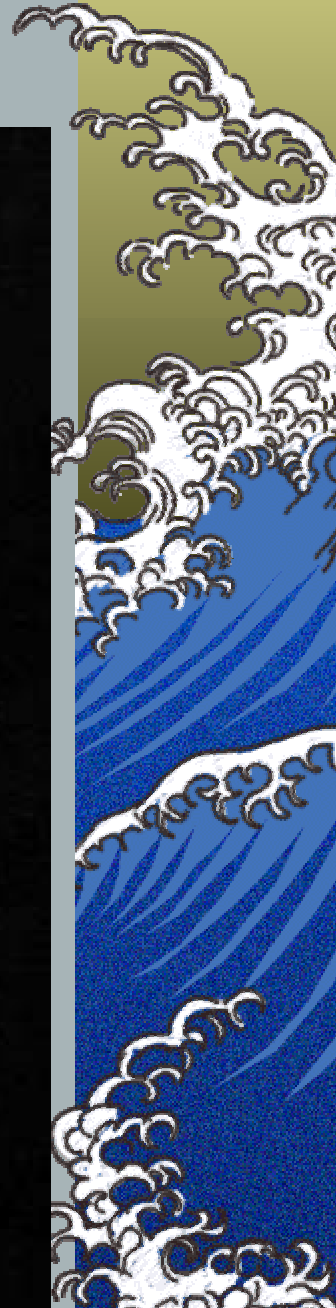


Subsistence Fisheries

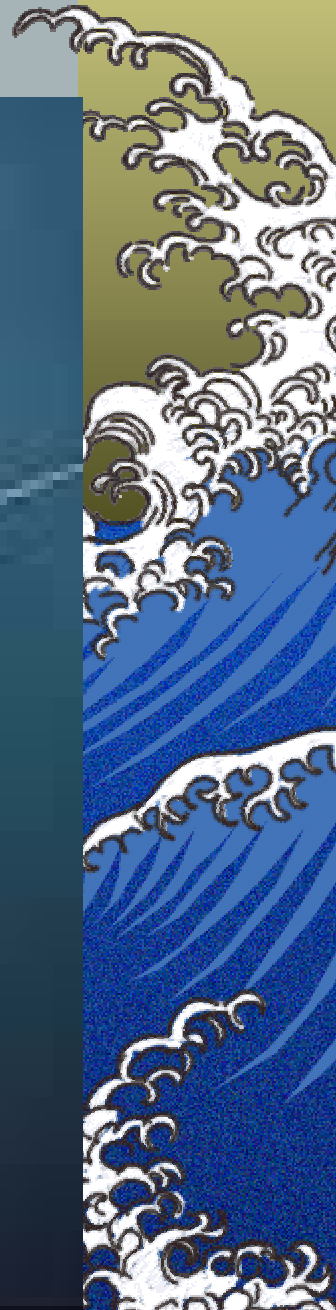
- ▶ *Traditional Fisheries predate European contact and current commercial methods are copied from observing traditional fisheries*
- ▶ *Traps, seines, gillnets, trolling, and long-lines are described in historical documents*



Traditional Halibut Hook



Halibut for dinner!



Sockeye & other subsistence salmon fisheries

- ▶ *STA had watched other fisheries become scarce due to increased guided charter and commercial effort*





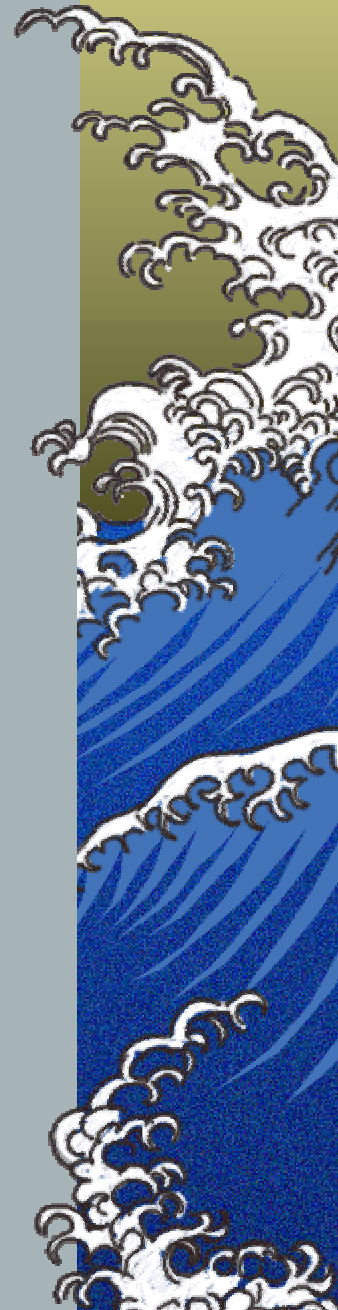
▲ *Sockeye are one of the most important Subsistence foods to the Tlingit*



★ *A subsistence priority as per state and federal law!*

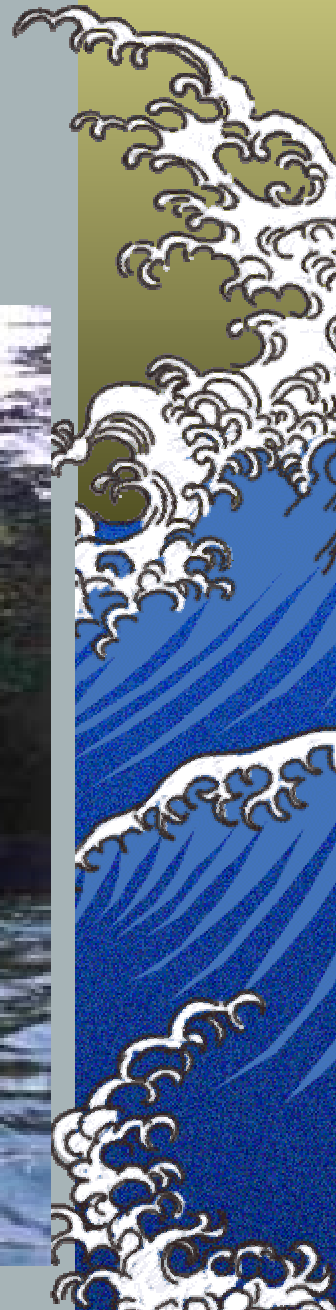


Yum !



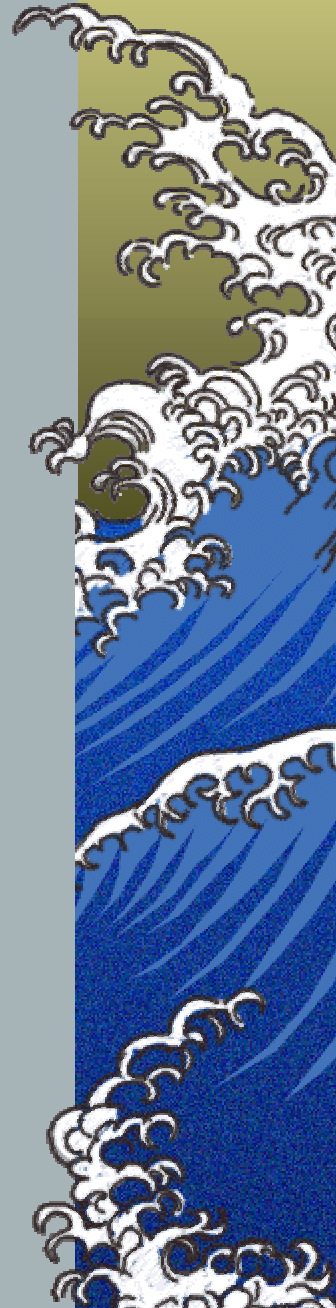
Priority?

- ▶ *Subsistence and Sport fisheries always lumped together*



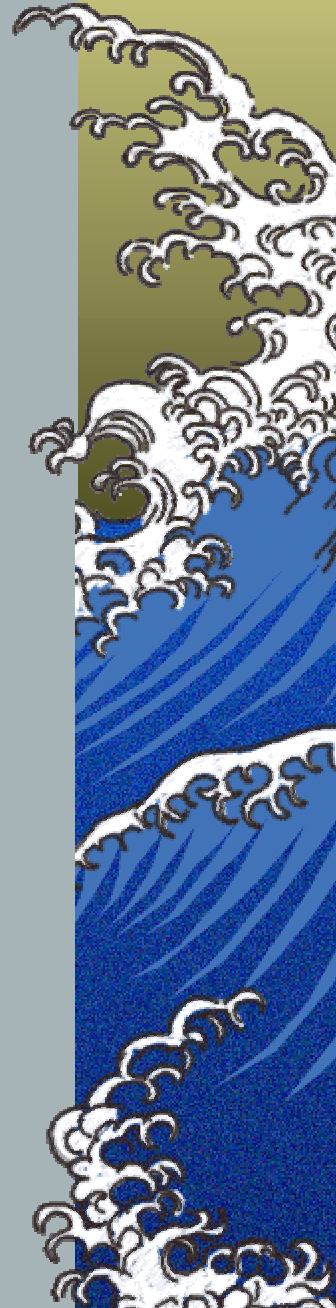
STA Decided to Take a Stand

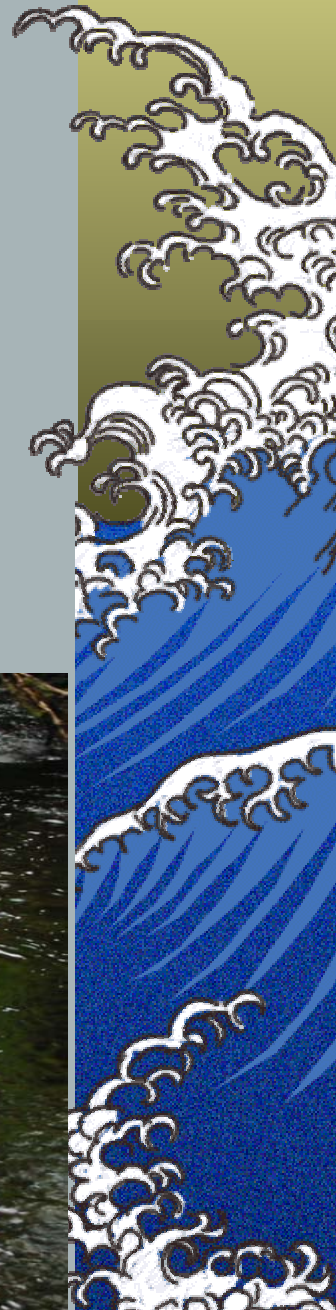
- ▶ *Initiated proposal to Federal subsistence board and AK board of fish to make the resource and subsistence the priority it was entitled to!*



Accomplishments

- ▶ *Redoubt received: a management plan with escapement triggers that allowed escapement, subsistence fishing, sport fishing and commercial fishing in that order, and...A National Award!*



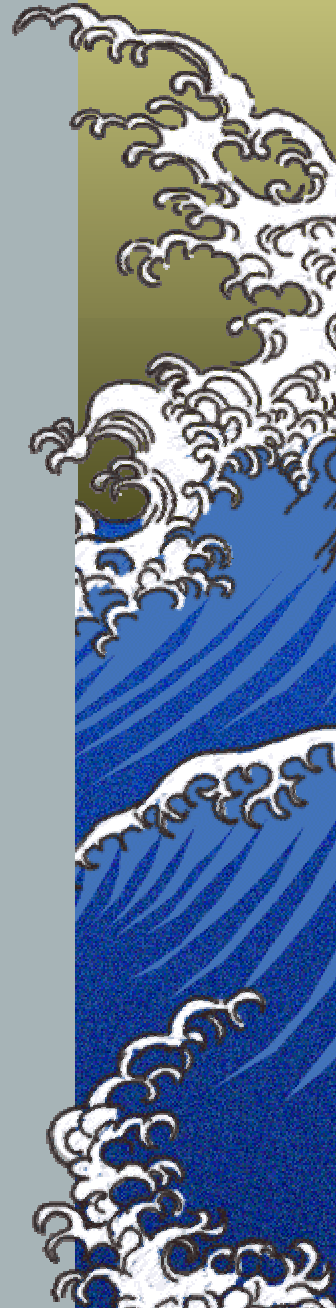


★ *Our Ancestors
passed these
responsibilities
on to us*



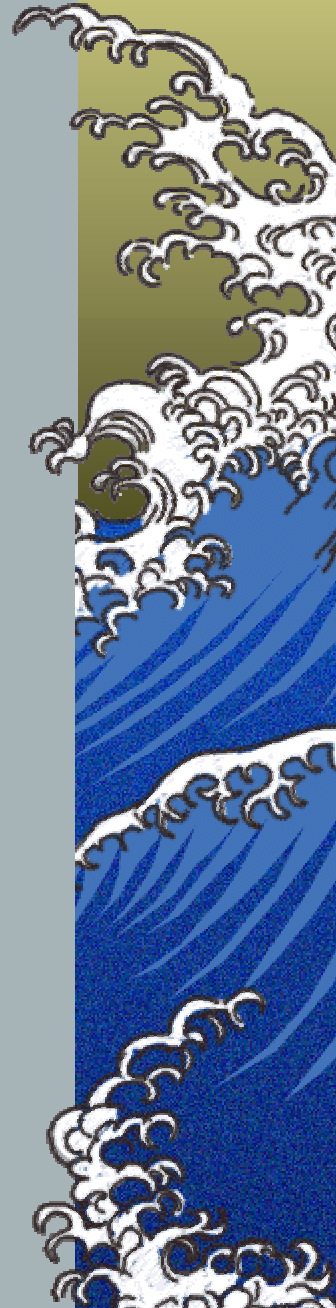
Sitka Tribes Successes

- ▶ *Demanded greater protections with herring conservation through Board process*
- ▶ *Received customary determinations through Board process*
- ▶ *Subsistence halibut fishing rights enacted statewide*
- ▶ *Subsistence priority for sockeye recognized*



Sitka Tribes Resources

- ▶ *Stewardship commitment by Tribe*
 - ▶ *Not a treaty right*
- ▶ *Executive Order requires consultation between federal agencies and tribes*
 - ▶ *Re-affirmed by Pres Bush Oct. 04*
- ▶ *Work with all governments however we can*



What do Tribes need

- ▶ *Maintain critical habitat*
 - ▶ *Forage species such as herring, sandlance*
 - ▶ *Juvenile salmonids*
 - ▶ *Recognize tribal rights in coastal decision making*
- ▶ *Access to culturally important resources when area has protections: (collecting eggs or beaks from Park area)*



Thank You
Gunalcheesh!

