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Resolution 22-007

IN OPPOSITION OF BUILDING A ROAD WITHIN THE IZEMBEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR)

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Hooper Bay is the federally recognized Native Village of Hooper Bay, a village in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (Y-K Delta), and supports the endeavors of its members; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Y-K Delta are primary stakeholders of waterfowl, and our customary and traditional use of birds has long been part of our diet and culture, and because the destructive development and habitat loss conducted by those in areas of the Pacific Flyway throughout the 1960's, '70's and '80's significantly affected waterfowl population and resulted in curtailing our subsistence hunters and gatherer's practices; and

WHEREAS, for decades the people of the Y-K Delta and the Association of Village Council Presidents' Waterfowl Conservation Committee have aggressively advocated international and national migratory waterfowl concerns for white-fronted, black brant, Canadian and cackling geese that nest in the Spring and Summer in the Y-K Delta through the Y-K Delta Goose Management Plan, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDF&W), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDF&G); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the road to link the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay would go through the Refuges' primary eelgrass feeding ground, which are among the largest eelgrass beds in the world that migrating waterfowl feast on to sustain their energy and to continue on to their nesting grounds in the Y-K Delta; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange/Road Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) analysis found that a road through the Izembek Refuge wilderness and isthmus would have major effects on black brant, Emperor geese and tundra swans, and would allow greater human access and hunting pressure and disturbance for birds causing displacement from feeding or nesting areas (FEIS, p. 2-64); and

WHEREAS, the 2015 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers', "King-Cove – Cold Bay: Assessment of Non-Road Alternatives", found that there are viable alternatives other than the proposed road for medical evacuation and other transportation purposes out of King Cove, including a marine ferry, which at 99.2% dependable is the most dependable option, is comparable in cost and would not impact Refuge waterfowl feeding areas and should be considered; and

WHEREAS, Izembek Refuge's eelgrass is important for maintaining a healthy ecosystem, supporting vital subsistence resources for the people of the Y-K Delta, sustaining biodiversity, mitigating climate impacts,

and providing foraging areas and shelter for young fish and invertebrates, food for migratory waterfowl, and spawning surfaces for certain fish species, and

WHEREAS, the people of Y-K Delta are experiencing increased food insecurity from environmental impacts due to climate change and other commercial interests resulting in restrictions to our fishing opportunities and access in addition to limited goose hunting opportunities; and

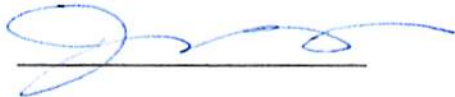
WHEREAS, we believe these damages impacts, deleterious forces and restricted access to our subsistence resources are threatening our livelihood and ultimately will cancel our culture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native Village of Hooper Bay respectfully asserts our opposition to the proposed King Cove to Cold Bay Road on the grounds that there is scientific evidence that habitat and migrating geese would be significantly impacted by a road connecting the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska, and there are other viable transportation options, including for medical evacuation and other purposes, such as a ferry, out of the community of King Cove.

Adopted by Native Village of Hooper Bay, on this day 18, May 2022



Vice Chief Eric C. Olson Sr.



Secretary Jorene Joe



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RESOLUTION 2022-02

Title: IN OPPOSITION OF BUILDING A ROAD WITHIN THE IZEMBEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR)

WHEREAS the Sea Lion Corporation of Hooper Bay is the Alaska Native Village Corporation of Hooper Bay, a village in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (Y-K Delta), and supports the endeavors of its members; and

WHEREAS the people of the Y-K Delta are primary stakeholders of waterfowl, and our customary and traditional use of birds has long been part of our diet and culture, and because the destructive development and habitat loss conducted by those in areas of the Pacific Flyway throughout the 1960's, '70's and '80's significantly affected waterfowl populations and resulted in curtailing our subsistence hunters and gatherer's practices; and

WHEREAS for decades the people of the Y-K Delta and the Association of Village Council Presidents' Waterfowl Conservation Committee have aggressively advocated international and national migratory waterfowl concerns for white-fronted, black brant, Canadian and cackling geese that nest in the Spring and Summer in the Y-K Delta through the Y-K Delta Goose Management Plan, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDF&W), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDF&G); and

WHEREAS a portion of the road to link the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay would go through the Refuge's primary eelgrass feeding grounds, which are among the largest eelgrass beds in the world that migrating waterfowl feast on to sustain their energy and to continue on to their nesting grounds in the Y-K Delta; and

WHEREAS the 2013 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service *Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange / Road Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)* analysis found that a road through the Izembek Refuge wilderness and isthmus would have major effects on black brant, Emperor geese and tundra swans, and would allow greater human access and hunting pressure and disturbance for birds causing displacement from feeding or nesting areas (FEIS, p. 2 – 64); and

WHEREAS the 2015 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers', "*King Cove – Cold Bay: Assessment of Non-Road Alternatives*", found that there are viable alternatives other than the proposed road for medical evacuation and other transportation purposes out of King Cove, including a marine ferry, which at 99.2% dependable is the most dependable option, is comparable in cost and would not impact Refuge waterfowl feeding areas and should be considered; and

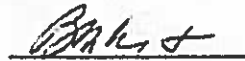
WHEREAS Izembek Refuge's eelgrass is important for maintaining a healthy ecosystem, supporting vital subsistence resources for the people of the Y-K Delta, sustaining biodiversity, mitigating climate impacts, and providing foraging areas and shelter for young fish and invertebrates, food for migratory waterfowl, and spawning surfaces for certain fish species; and

WHEREAS the people of the Y-K Delta are experiencing increased food insecurity from environmental impacts due to climate change and other commercial interests resulting in restrictions to our fishing opportunities and access in addition to limited goose hunting opportunities; and

WHEREAS we believe these damaging impacts, deleterious forces and restricted access to our subsistence resources are threatening our livelihood and ultimately will cancel our culture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sea Lion Corporation of Hooper Bay respectfully asserts our opposition to the proposed King Cove to Cold Bay Road on the grounds that there is scientific evidence that habitat and migrating geese would be significantly impacted by a road connecting the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska, and there are other viable transportation options, including for medical evacuation and other purposes, such as a ferry, out of the community of King Cove.

Adopted by Native Village of Hooper Bay, on this day 18 , May 2022



Bosco Olson, Sr. Chairman



Katherine Brower, Secretary

ATTEST

Native Village of Paimiut

To honor our ancestors, our lands and bring hope to future generations.

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Resolution 24-05-04

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant Conservation

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Paimiut is one of the 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States of America, and one of the 227 federally recognized Alaska Tribes by the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Paimiut Traditional Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Paimiut and serves at the pleasure of the Tribal Members of the Native Village of Paimiut; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Paimiut is fully authorized to act on behalf of the Native Village of Paimiut Tribal members in matters arising under the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, P.L. 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450 et. Seq (hereby the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Paimiut, as a sovereign Tribal government, holds a deep respect for the natural environment and recognizes the importance of preserving ecosystems for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the black brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*), serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous avian species; and

WHEREAS, the black brant, a species of concern, relies heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during its annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including proposed development projects and changes in land management practices that could negatively impact the refuge's ecological integrity and disrupt the black brant's habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Native Village of Paimiut to advocate for the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and its critical importance for black brant conservation, in alignment with Tribal values and stewardship principles;

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Paimiut prioritizes the marine alternative over any other alternatives to the proposed road;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Traditional Council of the Native Village of Paimiut, that:

Native Village of Paimiut

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Section 1: The Native Village of Paimiut reaffirms its commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for black brant and other wildlife species.

Section 2: The Traditional Council hereby expresses its strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife habitat.

Section 3: The Native Village of Paimiut calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments and conservation organizations in efforts to safeguard this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Native Village of Paimiut strongly urges all involved to consider the marine alternative to be the best option.

Section 5: The Traditional Council authorizes the Tribal Administrator to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Native Village of Paimiut on the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Native Village of Paimiut adopted this resolution on May 24, 2024 with a quorum being established. This resolution was passed by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstain.

Estelle Thomson 5/24/24 Colleen Timmer 5/24/2024
Estelle Thomson, President Date Colleen Timmer, Tribal Administrator Date



CHULOONAWICK NATIVE VILLAGE

Resolution No. 2024-05

OPPOSITION TO A ROAD THROUGH THE IZEMBEEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF BLACK BRANT AND EMPEROR GEESE

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village is the sovereign governing body of the community of Chuloonawick, a federally-recognized Native Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Since time immemorial, Alaska Native people in the Yukon River watershed and surrounding areas of the Bering Sea have depended on healthy land, healthy water, and healthy fish and wildlife resources, which are integral to our traditional indigenous way of life;

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people from the Y-K Delta have depended on waterfowl subsistence resources that make up a substantial percent of our diet, including Pacific brant and Emperor geese, that depend on Izembek National Wildlife Refuge to feed and build fat reserves at critical junctures in their life cycles; and

WHEREAS, Chuloonawick Native Village and other villages in the Y-K Delta have worked for decades to restore Pacific brant, Emperor geese and other waterfowl populations, by restricting hunting and egg collection and protecting habitat; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project would allow the construction of an access road intended to provide a transportation corridor between the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay through a Congressionally designated Wilderness and one of the most important wetlands complexes on the globe; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project and associated activities are expected to cause widespread and permanent damage to the designated Wilderness, extraordinary wetlands, waterfowl habitat, waterfowl populations, eelgrass beds, spawning areas, fish habitat, other wildlife and wildlife habitat, water, rivers, ponds, lakes, vegetation, cultural resources, sacred sites, and other resources essential to maintaining our traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project would set a precedent that threatens all National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska with development projects, including the Y-K Delta National Wildlife Refuge and all other lands protected by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; and



CHULOONAWICK NATIVE VILLAGE

WHEREAS, The community of King Cove has other viable transportation alternatives to access Cold Bay, such as marine and air transport, as underscored by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s announcement on November 3rd, 2023, highlighting that \$43,376,746 have been allocated for the design, permitting, and construction of a new dock in Cold Bay, “designed and built to accommodate commercial use, freight and fuel transportation, private vessel use, and public uses like emergency medical services and public transportation through the Alaska Marine Highway System”¹; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chuloonawick Native Village opposes the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project and we urge Tribal and other partners to continue their work to protect future generations from harmful impacts of the proposed Land Exchange and Izembek Road Project and associated activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chuloonawick Native Village expects to be consulted with throughout the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and National Environmental Policy Act process for the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project.

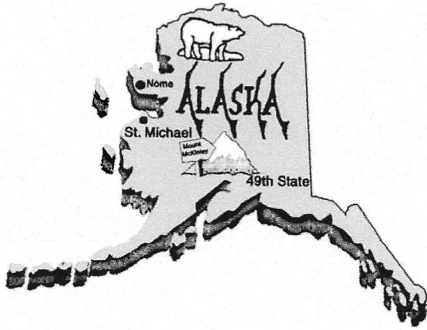
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chuloonawick Native Village expects to be invited and included in **all permitting matters** associated with the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project, related exploration permitting and all permitting associated with the project.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed on this 19th day of June 2024 with a quorum of 5 For, 0, Against, and 0, Abstaining.

Thomas Myomick
Thomas Myomick, President

Naomi Akers
Naomi Akers, Secretary



Native Village of Saint Michael

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Resolution 24-08-08

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant Conservation

WHEREAS, the Native Village of St. Michael is one of the 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States of America, and one of the 227 federally recognized Alaska Tribes by the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of St. Michael is the governing body of the Native Village of Paimiut and serves at the pleasure of the Tribal Members of the Native Village of St. Michael; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of St. Michael is fully authorized to act on behalf of the Native Village of St. Michael Tribal members in matters arising under the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, P.L. 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450 et. Seq (hereby the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of St. Michael, as a sovereign Tribal government, holds a deep respect for the natural environment and recognizes the importance of preserving ecosystems for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the black brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*), serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous avian species; and

WHEREAS, the black brant, a species of concern, relies heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during its annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including proposed development projects and changes in land management practices that could negatively impact the refuge's ecological integrity and disrupt the black brant's habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Native Village of St. Michael to advocate for the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and its critical importance for black brant conservation, in alignment with Tribal values and stewardship principles;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Traditional Council of the Native Village of St. Michael that:

Section 1: The Native Village of St. Michael reaffirms its commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for black brant and other wildlife species.

Section 2: The Traditional Council hereby expresses its strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife habitat.

Section 3: The Native Village of St. Michael calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments and conservation organizations in efforts to safeguard this vital ecosystem.

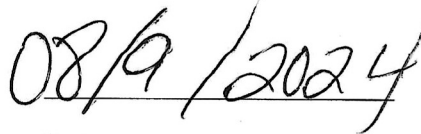
Section 4: The Traditional Council authorizes the Tribal Administrator to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Native Village of St. Michael on the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: The Native Village of St. Michael formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Native Village of St. Michael formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

I hereby certify that the Native Village of St. Michael adopted this resolution on August 8, 2024 with a quorum being established. This resolution was passed by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstain.



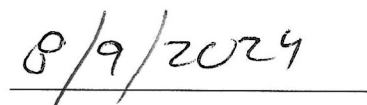
President, Native Village of St. Michael



Date



Secretary



Date



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**OPPOSITION TO A ROAD THROUGH THE IZEMBEEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF BLACK BRANT AND EMPEROR GEESE**

Resolution No. 2024-0822-001

WHEREAS, Chevak Native Village is the sovereign governing body of the community of Chevak, a federally-recognized Native Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Since time immemorial, Alaska Native people in the Yukon River watershed and surrounding areas of the Bering Sea have depended on healthy land, healthy water, and healthy fish and wildlife resources, which are integral to our traditional indigenous way of life;

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people from the Y-K Delta have depended on waterfowl subsistence resources that make up a substantial percent of our diet, including Pacific brant and Emperor geese, that depend on Izembek National Wildlife Refuge to feed and build fat reserves at critical junctures in their life cycles; and

WHEREAS, Chevak Native Village and other villages in the Y-K Delta have worked for decades to restore Pacific brant, Emperor geese and other waterfowl populations, by restricting hunting and egg collection and protecting habitat; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project would allow the construction of an access road intended to provide a transportation corridor between the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay through a Congressionally designated Wilderness and one of the most important wetlands complexes on the globe; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project and associated activities are expected to cause widespread and permanent damage to the designated Wilderness, extraordinary wetlands, waterfowl habitat, waterfowl populations, eelgrass beds, spawning areas, fish habitat, other wildlife and wildlife habitat, water, rivers, ponds, lakes, vegetation, cultural resources, sacred sites, and other resources essential to maintaining our traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project would set a precedent that threatens all National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska with development projects, including the Y-K Delta National Wildlife Refuge and all other lands protected by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; and

WHEREAS, The community of King Cove has other viable transportation alternatives to access Cold Bay, such as marine and air transport, as underscored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's announcement on November 3rd, 2023, highlighting that \$43,376,746 have been allocated for the design, permitting, and construction of a new dock in Cold Bay, "designed and



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built to accommodate commercial use, freight and fuel transportation, private vessel use, and public uses like emergency medical services and public transportation through the Alaska Marine Highway System "1 ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chevak Native Village opposes the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project and we urge Tribal and other partners to continue their work to protect future generations from harmful impacts of the proposed Land Exchange and Izembek Road Project and associated activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chevak Native Village expects to be consulted with throughout the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and National Environmental Policy Act process for the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chevak Native Village expects to be invited and included in all permitting matters associated with the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and Road Project, related exploration permitting and all permitting associated with the project.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CHEVAK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL ON THIS 22nd DAY OF August 2024, BY THE VOTE OF ___ FAVOR, ___ OPPOSED, AND ___ ABSTAINING.

ATTESTED:

1st Chief,
Esther Friday

Secretary/Treasurer,
Charlotte Nayagak

ALATNA VILLAGE COUNCIL
Resolution #21-2024

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Alatna Village Council is a federally recognized Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Alatna Village Council supports the self-determination of the 56 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Alatna Village Council requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Fairbanks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Alatna Village Council:

Section 1: the Alatna Village Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribes.

Section 2: the Alatna Village Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.


Section 3: the Alatna Village Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek

National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Alatna Village Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Alatna Village Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Alatna Village Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Alatna Village Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification: I hereby certify that the Alatna Village Council adopted this resolution on September 23 2024.



**Norton Bay Watershed Council
Resolution #04-2024**

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Standing United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Norton Bay Watershed Council represents ten (10) of the 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States of America, and ten (10) of the 227 federally recognized Alaska Tribes by the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, members of the Native Villages of Elim, Teller, Brevig Mission, Shaktoolik, Golovin, Shishmaref, Mary's Igloo, Chinik Eskimo Community, White Mountain and Saint Michael which are each represented on the NBWC Board of Directors, and have demonstrated commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of Norton Bay Watershed subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, Subsistence Resources on the Seward Peninsula of Alaska are part of Villages' identities as Yup'ik and Inupiaq people, and is as important to them for subsistence and other traditional uses and as part of their cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the Norton Bay Watershed Council has been established as a Watershed Council of the ten (10) tribes that is overseen by tribal representatives from each of the ten (10) tribes in the Norton Bay Region which is vast and made up of diverse terrain.

WHEREAS, the Norton Bay Watershed Council; is comprised of ten (10) sovereign Tribal governments, holds a deep respect for the natural environment and recognizes the importance of preserving ecosystems for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Norton Bay Watershed Council to advocate for the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and its critical importance for Black Brant and Emperor Geese conservation, in alignment with Tribal values and stewardship principles;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Norton Bay Watershed Council demands a 90 – 120-day comment period, a hearing in Nome and Kotzebue pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Nome and Kotzebue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Norton Bay Watershed Council requests a virtual Government to Government meeting with Department of Interior Secretary Deborah Haaland, and Department of Acting Assistant Secretary Laurie Daniel-Davis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Norton Bay Watershed Council that:

Section 1: the Norton Bay Watershed Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species.

Section 2: the Norton Bay Watershed Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Norton Bay Watershed Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

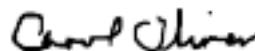
Section 4: The Norton Bay Watershed Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Norton Bay Watershed Council for the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Norton Bay Watershed Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Norton Bay Watershed Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification: I hereby certify that the Norton Bay Watershed Council adopted this resolution on September 25, 2024, with a quorum being established. This resolution was passed by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstain.



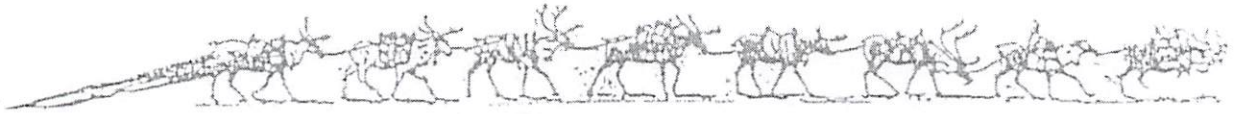
NBWC President Doug Katchetag / Date



NBWC Treasurer Carol Oliver / Date

STEBBINS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant Conservation

Resolution # 26-09-24.12

WHEREAS, the Stebbins Community Association is one of the 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States of America, and one of the 227 federally recognized Alaska Tribes by the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Stebbins Community Association is the governing body of the Native Village of Stebbins and serves at the pleasure of the Tribal Members of the Native Village of Stebbins; and

WHEREAS, the Stebbins Community Association is fully authorized to act on behalf of the Native Village of Stebbins Tribal members in matters arising under the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, P.L. 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450 et. Seq (hereby the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Stebbins Community Association, as a sovereign Tribal government, holds a deep respect for the natural environment and recognizes the importance of preserving ecosystems for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the black brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*), serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous avian species; and

WHEREAS, the black brant, a species of concern, relies heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during its annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including proposed development projects and changes in land management practices that could negatively impact the refuge's ecological integrity and disrupt the black brant's habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Stebbins Community Association to advocate for the protection

and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and its critical importance for black brant conservation, in alignment with Tribal values and stewardship principles;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Traditional Council of the Stebbins Community Association that:

Section 1: The Stebbins Community Association reaffirms its commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for black brant and other wildlife species.

Section 2: The Traditional Council hereby expresses its strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife habitat.

Section 3: The Stebbins Community Association calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments and conservation organizations in efforts to safeguard this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Traditional Council authorizes the Tribal Administrator to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Stebbins Community Association on the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: The Stebbins Community Association formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Native Village of Stebbins formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification:
I hereby certify that the Stebbins Community Association adopted this resolution on August ____, 2024 with a quorum being established. This resolution was passed by a vote of __ yeas, __ nays and __ abstain.



President, George Flynn

9/26/24

Date



Secretary, Keasha Steve

9/26/24

Date

LEVELOK VILLAGE COUNCIL
Resolution # 10-2-24 A

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council is a federally recognized Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council supports the self-determination of the 56 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Levelock Village Council requests a 120 day comment period, and a hearing in Dillingham, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Nome and Kotzebue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Levelock Village Council requests a virtual Government to Government meeting with Department of Interior Secretary Deborah Haaland, and with Acting Assistant Secretary Laurie Daniel-Davis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Levelock Village Council that:

Section 1: the Levelock Village Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species.

Section 2: the Levelock Village Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Levelock Village Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Levelock Village Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Levelock Village Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Levelock Village Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Levelock Village Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification: I hereby certify that the Levelock Village Council adopted this resolution on:

October
September 2 2024. BY a vote of 5 YES and 0 NO by the Council Members.

**Alexander Tallekpalek
Tribal President**

Alexander Tallekpalek

**Chadalin Washington
Secretary**

Chadalin Washington

EVANSVILLE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Resolution No. 2024-10-01

Resolution to support the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Evansville Tribal Council is a federally recognized Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Evansville Tribal Council supports the self-determination of the 56 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Evansville Tribal Council requests a 120 day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Nome and Kotzebue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Evansville Tribal Council requests a virtual Government to Government meeting with Department of Interior Secretary Deborah Haaland, and with Acting Assistant Secretary Laurie Daniel-Davis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Evansville Tribal Council that:

Section 1: the Evansville Tribal Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species.

Section 2: the Evansville Tribal Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Evansville Tribal Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Evansville Tribal Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Evansville Tribal Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Evansville Tribal Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Evansville Tribal Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at a meeting of the Evansville Tribal Council in Evansville, Alaska on October 4, 2024



Frank Thompson, First Chief, Evansville Tribal Council



Naomi Costello, Secretary/Treasurer



RESOLUTION 2024-19

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

- WHEREAS,** The Native Village of Tyonek is an Indian Chartered Tribal Government as defined by the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the Act of May 1, 1936, extending certain provisions of the former act to Alaska, and under its Charter, Constitution and by-laws, has full authority to act in the following; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native Village of Tyonek (“NVT”) is the governing body as defined within the Tribal Constitution and By-laws; and
- WHEREAS,** NVT is the Tribal Authority for Tyonek, and is recognized in the Federal Register; and
- WHEREAS,** the Native Village of Tyonek supports the self-determination of the 56 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area 11 tribes in the Norton Bay region; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Kobuk River Watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Yukon Koskokwim Delta, Norton Bay's and Kobuk River's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Native Village of Tyonek requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Anchorage.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Native Village of Tyonek:

Section 1: the Native Village of Tyonek affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and the Norton Bay Tribes.

Section 2: the Native Village of Tyonek hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Native Village of Tyonek calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

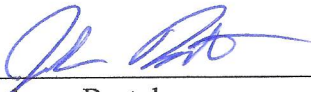
Section 4: The Native Village of Tyonek authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Native Village of Tyonek towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Native Village of Tyonek formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Native Village of Tyonek formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative for medical emergencies, when it is too windy to fly; as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

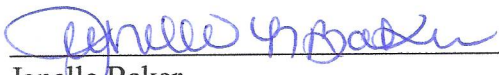
Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted by the Native Village of Tyonek's IRA Council on October 9, 2024, at which time a quorum was established with 6 voting in favor of and 0 opposing.



Johann Bartels
NVT IRA President



Janelle Baker
NVT IRA Secretary/Treasurer



Native Village of Scammon Bay DBA Scammon Bay Traditional Council
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Resolution 24-10-031

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant Conservation

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Scammon Bay is one of the 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States of America, and one of the 227 federally recognized Alaska Tribes by the United States Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Scammon Bay is the governing body of the Native Village of Scammon Bay and serves at the pleasure of the Tribal Members of the Native Village of Scammon Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Scammon Bay is fully authorized to act on behalf of the Native Village of Scammon Bay Tribal members in matters arising under the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, P.L. 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 450 et. Seq (hereby the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Scammon Bay, as a sovereign Tribal government, holds a deep respect for the natural environment and recognizes the importance of preserving ecosystems for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the black brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*), serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous avian species; and

WHEREAS, the black brant, a species of concern, relies heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during its annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including proposed development projects and changes in land management practices that could negatively impact the refuge's ecological integrity and disrupt the black brant's habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Native Village of Scammon Bay to advocate for the

protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and its critical importance for black brant conservation, in alignment with Tribal values and stewardship principles;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Traditional Council of the Native Village of Scammon Bay that:

Section 1: The Native Village of Scammon Bay reaffirms its commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for black brant and other wildlife species.

Section 2: The Traditional Council hereby expresses its strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife habitat.


Section 3: The Native Village of Scammon Bay calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments and conservation organizations in efforts to safeguard this vital ecosystem.


Section 4: The Traditional Council authorizes the Tribal Administrator to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Native Village of Scammon Bay on the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: The Native Village of Scammon Bay formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Native Village of Scammon Bay formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification:
I hereby certify that the Native Village of Scammon Bay adopted this resolution on October 10, 2024 with a quorum being established. This resolution was passed by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstain.

Attest:


Tribal Council President, Anthony Ulak
Native Village of Scammon Bay


Caroline Ulak, Secretary/Treasurer
Native Village of Scammon Bay



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ARCTIC VILLAGE COUNCIL
Resolution # 2024- 40

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Arctic Village Council is a federally recognized Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Village Council supports the self-determination of the 70 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Arctic Village Council requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Fairbanks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Arctic Village Council:

Section 1: the Arctic Village Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribes.

Section 2: the Arctic Village Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge,



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including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Arctic Village Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Arctic Village Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Arctic Village Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Arctic Village Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Arctic Village Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Arctic Village Council adopted this resolution by majority vote on October 12, 2024.



Galen Gilbert, Chief

**VENETIE VILLAGE COUNCIL
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Resolution # 2024-102

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Venetie Village Council is a federally recognized Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Venetie Village Council supports the self-determination of the 69 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Venetie Village Council requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Fairbanks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Venetie Village Council:

Section 1: the Venetie Village Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribes.

Section 2: the Venetie Village Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Venetie Village Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

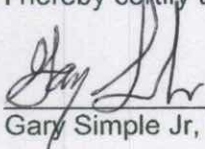
Section 4: The Venetie Village Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Venetie Village Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Venetie Village Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Venetie Village Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Venetie Village Council adopted this resolution on October 12, 2024.



Gary Simple Jr, First Chief



Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government
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NATIVE VILLAGE OF VENETIE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
Resolution # 2024- 10

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government is a federally recognized Tribe and is the governing body of the 1.8 million acre Venetie Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government supports the self-determination of the 70 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Norton Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Fairbanks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government:

Section 1: the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribes.



Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government

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Section 2: the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

Section 4: The Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government adopted this resolution by majority vote on October 12, 2024.

RaeAnn Garnett, Tribal Chief



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EAGLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Resolution #2024-19

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS the Eagle Village Council is a federally recognized Tribe; and

WHEREAS the Eagle Village Council supports the self-determination of the 56 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area and 11 tribes in the Norton Bay region, who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous ducks, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge & rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Kobuk River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including and proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, Norton Bay's and Kobuk River's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant & and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Eagle Village Council requests a 120-day comment period, and a hearing in Fairbanks, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also, in Anchorage.



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Eagle Village Council:
Section 1: the Eagle Village Council affirms our commitment to the protection and

preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species; in solidarity with the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and the Norton Bay Tribes.

Section 2: the Eagle Village Council hereby expresses our strong support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects, proposed roads, or land management practices that could harm the refuge & wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.

Section 3: the Eagle Village Council calls upon federal, state, and local authorities, as well as relevant stakeholders, to prioritize the long-term protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and to collaborate with Tribal governments in efforts to safeguard the purposes of the refuge and this vital ecosystem.

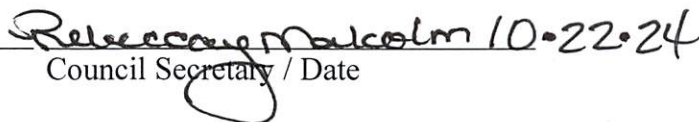
Section 4: The Eagle Village Council authorizes staff, consultants and partner organizations to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate government officials, agencies, and entities to convey the stance of the Eagle Village Council towards the protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Section 5: the Eagle Village Council formally requests the USFW to fully analyze the marine alternative in the Izembek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Eagle Village Council formally opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge; and we support the selection of the marine alternative for medical emergencies, when it is too windy to fly as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification:

I hereby certify that the Eagle Village Council adopted this resolution on October
22 2024.

 10.22.24
Chief Karma Ulvi / Date

 10.22.24
Council Secretary / Date

NATIVE VILLAGE OF AMBLER

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RESOLUTION 24-04

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS: the Native Village of Ambler (hereinafter "Tribe") is a sovereign Traditional Government of the Indigenous Kuuvanmiut Ivisaappaat Nation, a First Nation in Northwest Alaska; that was in existence predating the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the Native Village of Ambler is a federally recognized Tribe with all rights, powers and authority and has Inherent Responsibilities as a sovereign; and

WHEREAS: the Ambler Traditional Council is the only federally recognized governing body for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

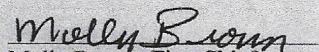
WHEREAS, the Black Brant and Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ambler Traditional Council

- (1) requests a 120-day comment period, pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and further requests an ANILCA §810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop hearing in Kotzebue, Alaska; and
- (2) expresses its support for measures aimed at conserving and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, including opposing any development projects and proposed roads, that could harm the refuge's wildlife and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta habitat.
- (3) opposes a road through the Izembek Refuge;
- (4) supports the selection of the marine alternative for emergency transportation as it is least impactful to the fragile habitat within the Refuge.

CERTIFICATION

I the undersigned, do hereby certify that the Ambler Traditional Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom 6 were present on October 28, 2024; and that Resolution 2024-01 was approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 in favor 0 and against and 1 abstained.


Molly Brown, First Chief

Date 10-28-24

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Resolution # 11-01-2024-1

Support for the Protection of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge for Black Brant and Emperor Geese Conservation and Stand United in Opposition to a Proposed Road and / or a Land Transfer within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS, the Nondalton Tribal Council is a federally recognized Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Nondalton Tribal Council supports the self-determination of the 76 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta area; who are opposed to the proposed Izembek Land Exchange and proposed road and have demonstrated ongoing commitment and sacrifice for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of subsistence resources, to provide for healthy and sustainable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, located in the Alaska Peninsula and encompassing critical habitat for wildlife, including the Black Brant and Emperor Geese, serves as a vital migratory stopover and breeding ground for numerous duck, geese and other avian species; and

WHEREAS, the Black Brant, Emperor Geese are species of concern, rely heavily on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge during their annual migration, utilizing the refuge's rich intertidal habitat for feeding and resting, thereby playing a significant role in the ecological balance of the Yukon Delta Region; and

WHEREAS, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge faces various threats, including a proposed road and land exchange and other proposed development projects. Changes in land management practices could negatively impact the refuge's and Norton Bay's ecological integrity and biodiversity and disrupt the Black Brant's and Emperor Geese habitat; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Nondalton Tribal Council requests a 120 day comment period, and a hearing in Anchorage, Alaska pertaining to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and an ANILCA 810 Subsistence Hearing and Workshop also in Nome and Kotzebue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Nondalton Tribal Council requests a virtual Government to Government meeting with Department of Interior Secretary Deborah Haaland, and with Acting Secretary Laurie Daniel-Davis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Nondalton Tribal Council that:
Section 1: the Nondalton Tribal Council affirms our commitment to the protection and preservation of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge as a critical habitat for Black Brant, Emperor Geese and other wildlife species.

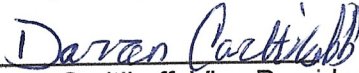
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Section 6: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage. Certification:
I hereby certify that the Nondalton Tribal Council adopted this resolution on November 1st, 2024.


Darren Cartikoff, Vice President


Clarence Delkettie, Secretary

RESOLUTION 98-03-02

TITLE: IN OPPOSITION OF H.R. 2259, THE KING COVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, TO BUILD A ROAD WITHIN THE IZEMBEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR)

Whereas, The Association of Village Council Presidents', Inc. (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and

Whereas, the people of the Y-K Delta are primary stakeholders of waterfowl, our customary and traditional use of birds has long been used as part of our diet and culture and because of the destructive development and habitat loss conducted by those areas in the Pacific Flyway throughout the 1960's, 70's and 80's, significantly affected waterfowl populations resulting in curtailing our subsistence hunters and gatherer's practices; and

Whereas, AVCP and the Waterfowl Conservation Committee (WCC), aggressively advocates international and national migratory waterfowl concerns for white-fronted, black brant, Canadian and cackling geese that nest in the Spring and Summer in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta through the Y-K Delta Goose Management Plan in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDF&W), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDF&G); and

Whereas, the latest Protocol Amendments to the 1916 Convention Between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States has been signed, giving AVCP's Waterfowl Conservation Committee more power in international and domestic management decisions in the interest of conserving migratory birds; and

Whereas, the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), particularly in the designated wilderness areas of the Izembek Lagoon, Izembek Isthmus and the Kinzarof Lagoon, are documented feeding grounds for migrating waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway; and


Whereas, a portion of the road to link the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay go through the Refuge's primary eel grass feeding grounds that migrating waterfowl feast on to sustain their energy to continue onto their nesting grounds in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

Whereas, the Alaska Department of Transportation's initial studies on safety measures for transportation have other alternatives that would not impact the Refuge waterfowl feeding areas and should be considered; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Association of Village Council Presidents', Inc. (AVCP) and the Waterfowl Conservation Committee (WCC) respectively reassert our opposition to H.R. 2259 on the grounds that there is no scientific proof that habitat and migrating geese would not be greatly disturbed by a gravel road connecting the two communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska.

Adopted by the WCC, March 27, 1998

CERTIFIED:


Myron P. Naneng, Sr.
Chairman

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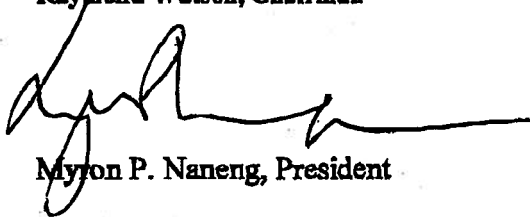
Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives (907)276-7989
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Dear Julie, Matt and Nicole:

The Association of Village Council Presidents still have an active interest and concern over the proposed development of a road between the communities of Cold Bay and King Cove. Our primary interest and concern is over the critical habitat for our black brant that utilize the area for staging and feeding during their long and treacherous spring and fall migrations.

The enclosed resolution clearly reflects the reasoning behind our opposition to any roads being constructed through an important feeding and staging area for our waterfowl.

Sincerely,
Association of Village Council Presidents
Raymond Watson, Chairman



Myron P. Naneng, President

Enc: Resolution 98.03.02