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From: Craig, Bill
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Smith, Neal; Bellion, Tara; Evans, Jessica
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Resolution 16-03-69
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From: donlingoldeis, POA [<mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>]
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This is one that bounced back.

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From: Daniel Waska [<mailto:atmaultuaktc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 2:45 PM
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Good afternoon,

Here is the adopted resolution to extend the comment period as attachment.

Daniel

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RESOLUTION 16-03-69

Re: A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (ACOE) EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DONLIN GOLD DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) BY A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS BEYOND THE CURRENT COMMENT DEADLINE OF APRIL 30th, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Atmautluak Traditional Council is the Federal recognized Tribal Governing body for The Native Village of Atmautluak, and;
WHEREAS, the Atmautluak Traditional Council represents the interests and well-being of the Tribal members of the Native Village of Atmautluak, and;
WHEREAS, Atmautluak Traditional Council believes that given the immense size, complexity and breadth of the proposed Donlin Gold project, the enormity of the nature of the issues and alternatives analyzed in the DEIS coupled with the conflicting Agency conclusions on the impact to subsistence uses and users, that additional time is necessary for public review of the document to allow for meaningful public comments to the ACOE and BLM on the DEIS, and;
WHEREAS, a high proportion of Villages lack a hard copy of the DEIS (and even the DVD's), and many residents are not familiar enough with computers to find their way through the digital files, and;
WHEREAS, Federal Agencies are required to make efforts to provide meaningful public involvement in their NEPA process (CEQ NEPA Regulations, 40 C.F.R. SS 1501.4(b), 1506.6(b)), and;
WHEREAS, the Atmautluak Traditional Council does not feel that the current public participation efforts to-date, or scheduled prior to the April 30th deadline will meet the requirements of "providing **MEANINGFUL** public involvement", for reasons noted above, and;
WHEREAS, the proposed project has the potential to directly affect our Tribal members up and down the drainage as well as other Kuskokwim stakeholders for generations to come, if not forever;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Atmautluak Traditional Council is requesting that the ACOE extend the public comment period for at least six (6) months beyond the current deadline of April 30th, 2016, and that the ACOE schedule additional outreach with the affected communities and Tribes during this extended period for the purpose of soliciting meaningful public comments on the DEIS.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution 16-03-69 was duly adopted by the Atmautluak Traditional Council at a duly called regular council meeting by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining on this 7th day of April, 2016.


Melvin Egoak – President


Moses A. Pavilla Sr. - Secretary