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Resolution 16-05

A Resolution For Extending The Donlin Gold DEIS Comment Period

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 Native Village of Napakiak is the federally recognized tribal governing body for The Native Village of Napakiak, and;

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Napakiak represents the interests of the tribal members of Napakiak, and;

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Napakiak 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;

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;

WHEREAS, Federal Agencies are required to make efforts to provide meaningful public involvement in their NEPA process (CEQ NEPA Regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.4(b), 1506.6(b));

WHEREAS, The Native Village of Napakiak 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;

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 Native Village of Napakiak 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:

This resolution was adopted at a meeting in which a quorum was present.

Passed and approved on the 29th day of March 2016 with a vote of 6 Yes, 0 No, and 1 Abstain.

Nicholas Paul 3-29-16
President, Nicholas Paul Date

Oliane Kameroff 3/29/16
Secretary/Treasurer, Oliane Kameroff Date

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