

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 13-20**

**SUPPORTING MANAGEMENT OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION WITHOUT
THE USE OF HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES, OR SPRAY DEFOLIANTS**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference of Mayor's was formed to provide Southeast Alaskan communities with a unified voice when addressing issues that impact this region and the state; and,

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern among the residents of Southeast Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways allow access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, Regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Transportation, effective March 7, 2013, do not provide for sufficient public comment on the use of herbicides along Alaska's roadways and public lands; and,

WHEREAS, the regulations allow a ban on public comments in many unjustified circumstances, such as spraying on stream banks that can then leach toxins into fishing streams and lakes; spraying uphill of groundwater and residential or other water well supplies; spraying in areas the state doesn't realize children frequent, even if it is just children of one or a few families; and,

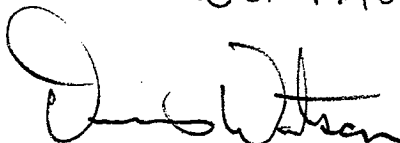
WHEREAS, use of the State of Alaska's use of herbicides, pesticides and other spray defoliants threaten the efforts of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and commercial fishing groups that successfully promote the wild and natural condition Alaska seafood due to risks of run off of pesticide and herbicides from treated roadsides into adjacent salmon streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference of Mayors requests that the regulations covering the use of herbicides along Alaska roadways be amended to provide for public comment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference of Mayors requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation meet with representatives from Southeast communities to discuss the impacts of the use of herbicides along the region's roadways.

APPROVED

Oct. 17, 2013



MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

ATTEST



KASSI KNOCK, CITY CLERK



CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13-1286

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REQUESTING THAT THE REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF HERBICIDES ALONG ALASKA ROADWAYS BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES TO DISCUSS THE IMPACTS OF THE USE OF HERBICIDES ALONG THE REGION'S ROADWAYS

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern amongst the residents of Wrangell, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides and pesticides should only be used when mechanical and/or manual methods cannot be used; and

WHEREAS, public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways provide access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and


WHEREAS, Regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conversation and the Alaska Department of Transportation do not provide for public comment on the use of herbicides along Alaska's roadways and public lands

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, requests that the regulations covering the use of herbicides along Alaska roadways be amended to provide for public comment

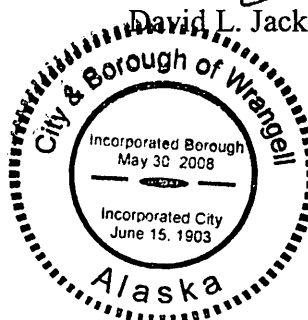
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation meet with representatives from Southeast communities to discuss the impacts of the use of herbicides along the region's roadways.

ADOPTED: November 12, 2013

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor





ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KASAAN

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RESOLUTION OVK-14-09-001

A Resolution of the Organized Village of Kasaan, in opposition of Herbicide Spraying with in its Customary and Traditional area and the scheduled Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVMP) for Prince of Wales Thorne Bay Road Project #68377.

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Kasaan is a federally recognized Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) and May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Charter of the Organized Village of Kasaan (Ratified October 15, 1938) states in its Purpose and Existence, "In order to further the economic development of the Indians residing in the neighborhood of Kasaan, Alaska, by conferring upon the Organized Village of Kasaan corporate rights and powers; and to enable this Village and its members to undertake enterprises designed to secure for the members of the corporation an assured economic independence..."; and

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Kasaan (hereinafter "OVK") is governed by a Council of elected representatives composed of a President and six members who act in accordance with the powers granted to it by its Constitution and By-Laws (Ratified on October 15, 1938); and

WHEREAS, Kasaan Tribal members have for time immemorial relied on the harvest of deer, fish, wild berries and plants in living our Customary and Traditional Way of Life;

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern amongst Kasaan residents;

WHEREAS, the risks involved with using herbicides and the possible harmful effects on our Way of Life outweighs so-called cost effectiveness of the State of Alaska spraying herbicides;

WHEREAS, the roadside selected for herbicide spraying includes a portion of the Prince of Wales Island Road System, an Alaska State Scenic Byway;

The Organized Village of Kasaan is committed to promoting, preserving, and protecting indigenous Haida identity and values. For our elders and youth, we look to the future in unity, by developing economic opportunities, promoting education, and utilizing our cultural, natural, and social resources.

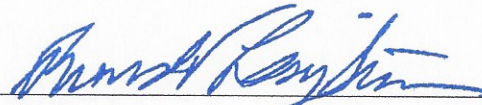
a federally recognized tribe

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal Council opposes the spraying of herbicides within its Customary and Traditional area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal Council opposes the scheduled Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVMP) for Prince of Wales Thorne Bay Road Project #68377.

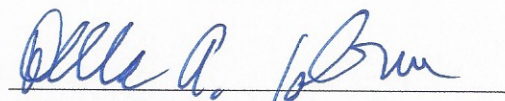
CERTIFICATION

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the OVK Tribal Council on this 5 day of September 2014; by a "Telephone Poll": Della Coburn: yes, Glenn Hamar: yes, Stephanie Hamar: yes, Carrie Sykes: yes, Frederick Olsen, Jr.: yes, and Paula Peterson: yes.



Ronald Leighton - President

ATTESTED:



Della A. Coburn - Council Secretary

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2014-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA REQUESTING THAT
THE REGULATIONS COVERING THE USE OF HERBICIDES ALONG ALASKA
ROADWAYS BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has received concerns from residents with regard to the use of herbicides; and

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern amongst the residents of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways provide access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and


WHEREAS, a public process could help eliminate fear of dangerous herbicides being used on resources; and

WHEREAS, regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Transportation do not provide for public comment on the use of herbicides along Alaska's roadways and public lands.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City and Borough of Sitka requests that the regulations covering the use of herbicides along Alaska roadways are amended to provide for public comment.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 9th day of September, 2014 by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka.

Signed: 
Mim McConnell, Mayor

Attest: 
Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 14-09-16-02**

**SUPPORTING MANAGEMENT OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION WITHOUT
THE USE OF HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES, OR SPRAY DEFOLIANTS**

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern among the residents of Southeast Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways allow access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and,

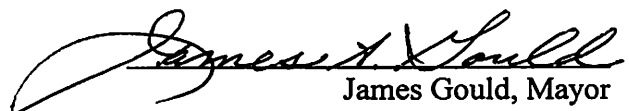
WHEREAS, Regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Transportation, effective March 7, 2013, do not provide for sufficient public comment on the use of herbicides along Alaska's roadways and public lands; and,

WHEREAS, the regulations allow a ban on public comments in many unjustified circumstances, such as spraying on stream banks that can then leach toxins into fishing streams and lakes; spraying uphill of groundwater and residential or other water well supplies; spraying in areas the state doesn't realize children frequent, even if it is just children of one or a few families; and,

WHEREAS, use of the State of Alaska's use of herbicides, pesticides and other spray defoliants threaten the efforts of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and commercial fishing groups that successfully promote the wild and natural condition Alaska seafood due to risks of run off of pesticide and herbicides from treated roadsides into adjacent salmon streams.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, opposes the use of herbicides, pesticides or spray defoliants in or around Thorne Bay, Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED September 16, 2014


James Gould, Mayor

ATTEST


Teri Feibel, CMC

Naukati Bay Inc.
Resolution Against Herbicides Sept. 17, 2014

**Supporting Management of Roadside Vegetation WITHOUT The Use of Herbicides,
Pesticides, or Spray Defoliant**

Whereas, the use of herbicides, pesticides, or spray defoliant on Prince of Wales Island and Southeast Alaska is a subject of great concern to our pollinators, amphibians, fish, wildlife, water quality, and subsistence and sport uses such as medical and edible plant gathering and harvesting within the watersheds that would be impacted, and

Whereas, the regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental (DEC) and the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT), effective March 7, 2013 strips the public ability to comment on project proposals that lack environmental planning that includes such actions as spraying near, adjacent, and across stream crossings, wetlands, and floodplains that can leach into groundwater with a cocktail of toxins in areas known to be traditional and ecological subsistence areas of both tribal and nontribal residents, youth and elders, fish and wildlife, pollinators, and amphibians.

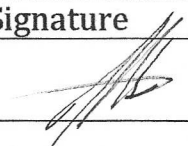
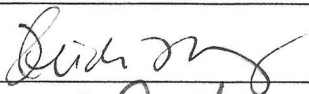
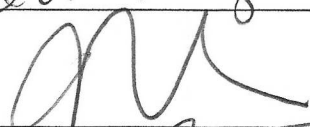

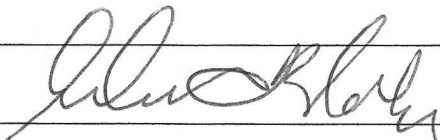
Whereas, the use, long term exposure, and accumulation of herbicides, pesticides and other spray defoliant in our shallow soils, karst, high water tables, and precipitous precipitation patterns threatens residents and our watersheds in ways that outweigh the supposed cost savings of brush cutting for right of way safety (the newly paved roads on POW are widest they have ever been), paying hand crews, or having volunteer weed groups help with problem areas. The dangers of having reed cannerly grass that contained both bull and Canadian thistle seeds that was planted by the USFS along our island is minimal compared to the dangers of the herbicides, pesticides and spray defoliant that are still undergoing testing and monitoring and that have not been fully tested in Alaska. The risk to our water quality and fisheries along our beautiful scenic byways is to high for anyone to be able to justify the increasing projects stating cheaper cost of spraying, when none of those proposing live, work, or play in these areas depended on by so many, and whereas our watersheds depend on us, and we on them,

Now, therefore, be it therefore resolved, that the Naukati Bay Inc., requests that herbicides, pesticides, and spray defoliant be banned from POW watersheds across the boundaries, that public comment always be part of any project with scoping and projects advertised not only in newspaper, but that the community leaders and those that have expressed concern and opposition be contacted as was asked the

last time this came up with Dall Island, and that alternative creative solutions be sought after that includes seeking funding for new fuel efficient brusher equipment that does not break down or cost the DOT so much money, go back to just posting signs on either side of the brushing in progress and not using flaggers (as many locations do not which would lower cost) utilize organizations, community parks and rec, adopt a mile (instead of just trash, what about invasive species and brush cutting) or local academic and sport teams at our school districts that could do the work as a group and that could help cover travel costs, are just a few things that could be considered.

Be it further resolved, as was asked by the Southeast Conference of Mayors on Oct 17, 2013, that the ADOT, ADEC, USFS, Corporations, and any private citizen meet with representatives from Southeast Communities in any proposed area for line of site or invasive species concern to discuss the opportunity for non toxic treatments, ways to continue pulling them and or brush cutting them, as well as the need for analysis of any further environmental, social, and economic impacts of use on our important right of ways so that the next seven generations will be able to depend on our pollinators, amphibians, fish, wildlife, medicinal and edible plants, and water quality.

Approved September 17, 2014

Name	Signature	Date
President: Josh Hill		9/22/14
Vice President: Don Borders		
Treasurer: Heidi Young		9/22/14
Secretary: Currently Vacant as of last meeting		
Member: Brandy Prefontaine		9/22/14
Member: Boulder Prefontaine		
Member: Juliet Blake		9/22/14

**CITY OF COFFMAN COVE
RESOLUTION 15 – 06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE AGAINST THE USE OF HERBICIDES AND
PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS ALONG THE ALASKA ROADWAYS**

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern amongst the City Council and residents of Coffman Cove; and

WHEREAS, public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways provide access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides around or adjacent to state waterways and wetland runs contrary to Alaska's claim that our fish and wild berry products come from pristine environment; and

WHEREAS, regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Alaska Department of Transportation do not provide for public comment on the use of herbicides along Alaska's roadways and public lands; and

WHEREAS, a public process could help eliminate fear of dangerous herbicides being used on resources.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that mechanical vegetation control on state roadways be considered the primary means of vegetation control and that herbicides and pesticide application be considered ONLY in an emergency or some extraordinary circumstance that mechanical means cannot be used.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18 day of Sept. 2014 by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of Coffman Cove, Alaska.



Mayor, Mariana Carter



Clerk, Jean Soderberg

HYDABURG COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



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RESOLUTION 14-99: A Resolution of the Hydaburg Cooperative Association in opposition to the Herbicide Spraying within tribes Customary and Traditional areas and the scheduled Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVMP) for Prince of Wales Thorne Bay Road Project #68377.

WHEREAS, the Hydaburg Cooperative Association is a federally recognized Tribe organized pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of the Act of Congress June 18, 1934 (48 statutes 984) as amended by the act of Congress, May 1, 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Hydaburg Cooperative Association is governed by a Council of elected representatives composed of a President and six members who act in accordance with the powers granted to it by its Constitution and By-Laws (Ratified on April 14, 1938); and

WHEREAS, Hydaburg Cooperative Association Tribal members have for time immemorial relied on the harvest of deer, fish, wild berries and plants in living our Customary and Traditional Way of Life; and

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern amongst Hydaburg residents; and

WHEREAS, the risks involved with using herbicides and the possible harmful effects on our Way of Life outweighs the cost effectiveness of the State of Alaska spraying herbicides; and

WHEREAS, the roadside selected for herbicide spraying includes a portion of the Prince of Wales Island Road System, and Alaska State Scenic By-way;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hydaburg Cooperative Association Tribal Council opposes the spraying of herbicides within its Customary and Traditional area.

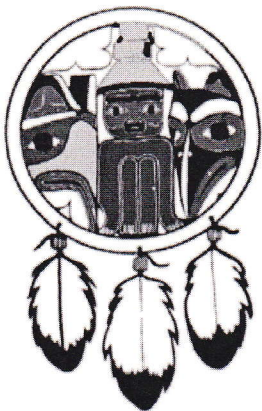
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Hydaburg Cooperative Association Tribal Council opposes the scheduled Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVMP) for Prince of Wales Thorne Bay Road Project #68377.

CERTIFICATION

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the HCA /Tribal Council on this 7th day of October, 2014 by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0 Abstain.

Edmund 10/7/14
President Date

Jean Bland 10/7/14
Secretary/Treasurer Date



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RESOLUTION NO. 14-42

TITLE: KCA Council in Opposition of Herbicide Spraying within its Customary and Traditional Use Areas on Prince of Wales Island and surrounding Islands.

WHEREAS: The Klawock Cooperation Association, (hereafter “Tribe”), is a duly constituted Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of the Act of Congress of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), amended May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250), and

WHEREAS: The Klawock Cooperative Association Council is a duly elected governing body of the Tribe, authorized to act by and on behalf of its members, and

WHEREAS: The Klawock Cooperative Association Tribal Members have for Time Immemorial has relied on the harvest of fish, wild berries, deer, medicinal plants wildlife, special forest products in Our Customary and Traditional Ways of Life.

WHEREAS: The use of Herbicides by the Alaska Department of Transportation along with Alaska Roads and Highways is a subject of great concern to Klawock Residents.

WHEREAS: The risks involved the use of Herbicides and the possible harmful effects on our Traditional Way of Life outweighs so-called cost effectiveness of the State of Alaska spraying herbicides.

WHEREAS: The roadside selected for herbicide spraying includes a portion of the Prince of Wales Island Road System, an Alaska State Scenic Byway;

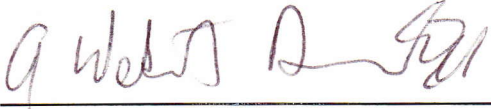
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Klawock Cooperative Association Tribal Council opposes the spraying of herbicides within its Customary and Traditional Use Areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Klawock Cooperative Association Tribal Council opposes the Herbicide Spraying within its Customary and Traditional Use Areas on Prince of Wales Island and its Surrounding Islands.

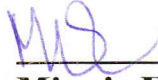
CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted at a regularly held meeting this 14th day of October, 2014, by a quorum vote of:

9 Yes No Abstain



A. Webster Demmert III
KCA Tribal President



Minnie Ellison,
KCA Tribal Secretary