

Southeast Conference of Mayors

RESOLUTION #2014-01

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

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 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 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.

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that mechanical vegetation control on state right of ways be considered the primary means of vegetation control and that herbicides be considered for this application "only" in an emergency or some extraordinary circumstance that mechanical means can't be used.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of September 2014 by the Southeast Alaska Conference of Mayors.

Signed: 
Mim McConnell, Chair, Southeast Conference of Mayors

Attest: 
Stephanie Scott, Mayor of Haines