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Resolution No. 2015-12-15-01

WHEREAS, Allakaket Village is a federally recognized Tribe;

WHEREAS, Allakaket Village is governed by a Tribal Council and is the sole entity authorized to speak on behalf of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the community of Allakaket is one of a few communities located close to the proposed Ambler Road and mines;

WHEREAS, the community of Allakaket suffers from poverty, high unemployment, expensive shipping and costs of groceries, fuel, and other supplies, lacks a water and sewer system, and does not have a road connection for medivacs in event of an emergency and bad weather for flying;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Allakaket Village Tribe's position on the Ambler Access Project is as follows:

LIMITED ACCESS ONLY ROAD - THE "TRIBAL" ALTERNATIVE

 The Tribe supports a road (Alternative "A") <u>only</u> if the road is limited to access by the mining companies, local communities and residents for shipping goods, supplies, and fuel, as well as emergency medivacs; The Tribe understands AIDEA has only asked for a road that has limited access as described above, and urges the BLM (and other landowners) to use legal authority and impose limited access restrictions;

MITIGATION MEASURES TO PROTECT SUBSISTENCE (Similar to Red Dog Mine)

 The Tribe supports adoption and use of subsistence mitigation measures from impacts of a road that are similar to, or exactly the same as the mitigation measures successfully used at the Red Dog road to protect caribou and other species for over 40 years;

EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

- 4. The Tribe supports its members and the community having training opportunities, hiring preferences, small business opportunities, in construction of the road and work at the mines or for companies supporting the mines.
- 5. To reduce the cost of freight, the Tribe supports an ice road to connect the village with the road system, as well as barge access to the mouth of the Kanuti River. The Tribe's long-term vision is for a year-round road to connect to Allakaket so that Allakaket can be a hub for commercial and workforce development.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 6. The Tribe believes young Alaskan Native Tribal members and future generations need to have opportunities to earn a good living and support their families as well as afford to stay in the community and practice subsistence.
- 7. Tanana Chiefs Conference and other opponents to responsible and balanced resource development (such as the Red Dog Mine) offer nothing for the future except continued poverty and despair. Tanana Chiefs Conference does not represent or speak for Allakaket Tribe on any issue unless specifically authorized to do so.
- 8. The right question to ask is not "what happens to our communities and Tribal members if a road is built and mining occurs" but "what happens to our communities and Tribal members if a road is not built and no jobs or opportunity exists for our children and future generations."
- 9. The Tribe supports a road maintenance and operation plan whereby Tribal members are guaranteed employment.
- 10. The Tribe of Allakaket Village supports Alternative "A" as the "Tribal Alternative" that BLM should select.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was adopted by a quorum of the Allakaket Council at a meeting held on 12-15-2023 at the Allakaket Tribal Office with 4 present, 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining.