

CITY OF ALEKNAGIK

Resolution 19-03

**Support for Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative's (NETC) Continuing Study and Evaluation Efforts for Development of a Hydroelectric Facility on the Nuyakuk River and Support for the Legislation to Allow Access to Wood Tikchik State Park (WTSP) for this Effort**

WHEREAS, the City of Aleknagik is recognized as a second-class city in an unorganized borough by both the Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development (DCCED) and Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) serving the community of Lake Aleknagik located in the surrounding area of this effort; and

WHEREAS, initial evaluation of more than sixty years of flow data show the water resource on the Nuyakuk River to have the potential electric generation capacity for several watershed communities; and

WHEREAS, the responsible development of this power generation facility could have long-term beneficial economic and environmental impacts for these communities, this region and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, NETC has pursued the study of this resource through extensive public outreach and evaluation of available civil and environmental data; and

WHEREAS, the NETC Board of Directors has adopted a Fish First resolution (Resolution 2017-30) that states the priorities of NETC when evaluating any development; and

WHEREAS, NETC has received a Preliminary Permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to advance the feasibility assessment (regulatory, environmental and engineering); and

WHEREAS, access to WTSP to complete these studies requires changes to enabling statutes and the Park management plan to include this site as acceptable for Hydroelectric development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Aleknagik supports the continued study of this potential Hydroelectric site,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Aleknagik supports the changes needed in the enabling statutes and the management plan to complete the necessary studies for project evaluation and licensing.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Aleknagik on this 19th day of March 2019.

Signed:   
Kay Andrews, Mayor

Attested:   
Jeri Alakayak, Clerk