

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF 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, initial evaluation of more than sixty years of flow data show the water resource at Nuyakuk Falls to have the potential electric generation capacity for communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the project will also bring fiber optic broad band service to all served 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 complete the feasibility assessment (regulatory, environmental and engineering); and

WHEREAS, access to Wood Tikchik State Park to complete these studies requires modification of the park's enabling statutes and its park management plan;

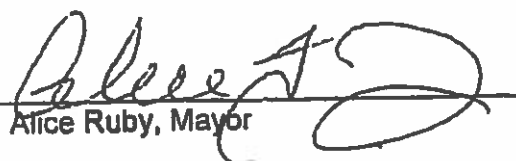
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dillingham City Council supports the required feasibility studies of the Nuyakuk hydroelectric site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dillingham City Council supports the changes needed to the Wood Tikchik State Park enabling statutes and its management plan to accommodate the studies necessary for project evaluation and licensing.


PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on March 7, 2019.

Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

SEAL:


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Goodell, City Clerk

**CURYUNG TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2019-05**

**SUPPORTING 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 Curyung Tribal Council is the federally recognized tribe of the community of Dillingham, Alaska 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 _____ supports the continued study of this potential Hydroelectric site
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that _____ supports the changes needed in the enabling statutes and the management plan to complete the necessary studies for project evaluation and licensing.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the Curyung Tribal Council in Dillingham, Alaska on this 12th day of March 2019, by a quorum of Council members.

ATTEST:



Thomas Tilden, First Chief
Curyung Tribal Council

MARCH 12, 2019

Date

Attest:



Tribal Chief

3/12/2019

Date

New Koliganek Village Council

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Resolution 2019-004

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 New Koliganek Village Council is a federally recognized tribe serving the community of Koliganek 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 New Koliganek Village Council supports the continued study of this potential Hydroelectric site

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New Koliganek Village Council supports the changes needed in the enabling statutes and the management plan to complete the necessary studies for project evaluation and licensing

Signed:

Herman F. Nelson Jr.
President

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the New Koliganek Village Council, do hereby certify that the governing body duly passed the foregoing resolution on this 28th day of March, 2019, and that a quorum was present.

Signed:

Elena Norbert
Secretary



Enriching Our Native Way of Life

March 19, 2019

Senator Lyman Hoffman
Alaska Senate
State Capitol Room 508
Juneau, AK 99801

Support for SB 91: Nuyakuk River Falls Hydroelectric Site

Dear Senator Hoffman

Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) supports SB 91 to amend AS 41.21.167 to list Nuyakuk River Falls as a potential hydroelectric site within Wood-Tikchik State Park and to direct the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council to amend the Park Management Plan to also include Nuyakuk River Falls as a potential hydroelectric site.

BBNC supports the efforts of Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (NETC) to study the feasibility of building a run-of-the-river 30 megawatt hydroelectric project at the Nuyakuk Falls. This project has the potential to provide renewable power to at least six Bristol Bay communities, reducing their reliance on diesel and State of Alaska PCE assistance while also lowering the cost of electricity for community members. As a secondary benefit, the power distribution lines built for this project can also accommodate fiber optic cables which would allow NETC to provide broadband internet service to the connected communities. Collectively, these improvements would stimulate positive long-term economic benefits throughout much of the Bristol Bay region.

For these reasons, BBNC supports SB 91 and asks the State Senate to enact it.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Cheyette
VP Lands and Natural Resources

cc:

Senator Chris Birch
Chair Senate Resources Committee

Senator Natasha von Imhof
Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

Senator Bert Stedman
Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

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

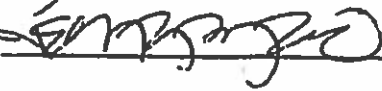
WHEREAS, access to WTSP to complete these studies requires changes to enabling statutes and the Park management plan to include this site as acceptable for Hydroelectric development.

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

**BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION
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Resolution 2019 - 04

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF THE PROPOSED
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AT THE NUYAKUK RIVER FALLS**

- WHEREAS:** The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional non-profit tribal consortium that serves 31 tribes in the Bristol Bay Region; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative (NETC), based in Dillingham, has been researching and engaging in community discussions about the feasibility of a hydroelectric project at the Nuyakuk River Falls, just inside the Wood-Tikchik State Park, that would have the capacity to meet the electric power needs of Dillingham and Nushagak area villages for the foreseeable future; and
- WHEREAS:** The proposed project would not require a dam or other large-scale construction at the site, but would generate power by diverting a portion of the flow before the falls through a penstock, returning the water into the river just below the falls; and
- WHEREAS:** The project would have the potential additional benefit of enabling the extension of fiber optic cable for broadband to all the project communities; and
- WHEREAS:** At the present time the proposal is merely conceptual and NETC will need to access major grant funding or legislative appropriations to fully assess the feasibility and costs of the project; and
- WHEREAS:** For many years BBNA has supported the use of renewable energy sources as an alternative to diesel fuel electric generation in the Bristol Bay region, including sponsoring a Bristol Bay Alternative Energy Task Force in the early 2000s, holding regional energy conferences in 2006 and 2008 that set a goal of moving the region entirely off of diesel electric generation by 2025, and the 2015 Bristol Bay Regional Energy Plan (produced jointly with the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference); and
- WHEREAS:** The Nuyakuk project is supported in BBNA's current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it supports the efforts of NETC to obtain grant funding or direct appropriations to thoroughly study the feasibility, engineering, and environmental impacts of a hydroelectric facility at the Nuyakuk River Falls.

Signed: Fred T. Angasan
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 21st day of March, 2019 and that a quorum was present.

Signed: Robert Heyano
Robert Heyano, Secretary