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Ambler Access Project Subsistence Advisory Committee Adopts Resolution for Fish and Wildlife Protection

February 27, 2024 (Anchorage, Alaska) – The Ambler Access Project Subsistence Advisory Committee (SAC) unanimously passed Resolution 2024-01, focusing on project operation policies that will protect subsistence resources along the 211-mile Ambler Access Road corridor. The resolution underlines the SAC's commitment to preserving the region's fish and wildlife and working with project leadership to implement responsible resource development practices.

"Building the Ambler Road is about embracing our future while honoring our past," said Larry Westlake, Co-chair of the SAC. "This project brings a promise of jobs and new opportunities for our people. It's a path we're walking with care, ensuring it reflects our values and respects the land that has sustained us for generations. We're not just building a road; we're forging a legacy for our children, guided by the wisdom of our ancestors. This is our journey, our responsibility, and our commitment to the well-being of our communities. This subsistence policy resolution does this exactly."

Fred Bifelt, SAC Co-chair, highlighted the collaboration involved in this process: "This resolution is a testament to the power of collective action and collaboration. Together, we are ensuring that the development of this project meets our required stipulations and considers our future generations."

Randy Ruaro, Executive Director of AIDEA, commended the SAC's proactive approach, remarking, "The SAC's resolution is a significant step towards responsible development. Concerns over subsistence resources and trespassing have been voiced by certain communities near the road. This resolution provides a strong foundation to address these concerns and demonstrates how AIDEA works with local communities and Tribes to protect subsistence. AIDEA supports the SAC in enhancing the protections needed for subsistence. The SAC will also refine security measures to keep unauthorized users from accessing the road."

Key aspects of the resolution include:

- Development and implementation of Management Plans and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) focused on protection of Fish, Wildlife, and security to keep the road a private, industrial access-only road.
- Regular review and improvement of these subsistence policies.

- Policies ensuring minimal disturbance to wildlife, especially during migration.
- Controlled access and thorough training for all personnel involved.

The SAC's resolution is a critical move in addressing the subsistence impacts of the Ambler Road Project, ensuring responsible stewardship of the wildlife and subsistence resources in Northwestern Alaska.

[Click here](#) to watch a video from the committee co-chairs about the recent SAC meeting.

Resolution 2024-01 can be accessed [here](#) and on the project website at ambleraccess.org.

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About AIDEA:

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is a public corporation of the State of Alaska. AIDEA's purpose is to promote, develop, and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska.

About Ambler Access Project:

The Ambler Access Project is a proposed 211-mile, private, industrial-controlled access road to reach the Ambler Mining District in the Northwest Arctic Borough. The district is a large prospective copper-zinc mineral belt with extensive deposits of critical minerals and other elements essential for a green economy and military effectiveness. AAP was modeled after a similar AIDEA-funded industrial access road project located in the Northwest Arctic Borough, the DeLong Mountain Transportation System or Red Dog Road, in support of Red Dog Mine.

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