

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE REGISTERED AGENT
FOR SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
(Resolution 08-01)**

WHEREAS Southeast Conference is a non-profit corporation in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS The Corporation has hired a new Executive Director effective June 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS In order to update the State of Alaska and Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Corporations Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference at their regular monthly meeting on July 19, 2007 appointed Shelly Wright, Executive Director, as the new Registered Agent for said corporation at the location address of 612 W. Willoughby Ave., Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on July 19, 2007.

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Carol Rushmore
President

Linda J. Snow
Treasurer

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SIGNATORY NAMES
ON THE FIRST BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT
FOR SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
(Resolution 08-02)**

WHEREAS Southeast Conference is a non-profit corporation in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS The Corporation has hired a new Executive Director effective June 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS In order to update signatures required for signing payroll, accounts payable, and any other check needed and necessary for the purpose of doing business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors of Southeast Conference at their regular monthly meeting on July 19, 2007 has appointed Shelly Wright, Executive Director, as a new signer for said corporation's account, number 0805700256, with the business office located at 612 W. Willoughby Ave., Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on July 19, 2007

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Carol Rushmore
President

Linda J. Snow
Secretary/Treasurer

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL
48 MILES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND INTERTIE TO CONNECT
COFFMAN COVE AND NAUKATI TO THE EXISTING TRANSMISSION
SYSTEM AT CONTROL LAKE**

Resolution 08-03

WHEREAS, the extension of the Prince of Wales Island Intertie will reduce the cost of power for residents and businesses in Coffman Cove and Naukati from 40 cents/kwh to 20 cents/kwh; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Prince of Wales Island Intertie to Coffman Cove and Naukati will replace 109,000 gallons of high-cost diesel annually with low-cost renewable hydro generated power; and

WHEREAS, \$22.5 Million has been invested through a private-public partnership to develop hydro generated power and an Intertie on Prince of Wales Island; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Power and Telephone and ratepayers have demonstrated a commitment to providing low-cost renewable energy on Prince of Wales Island by investing \$13 Million in direct private funds and \$2.8 Million in loan supported funds; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Coffman Cove and Naukati and Alaska Power and Telephone have jointly requested \$6 Million to complete the remaining 48 miles of the Prince of Wales Island Intertie system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast Conference supports the extension of the Prince of Wales Island Intertie to the communities of Coffman Cove and Naukati.

**Adopted by the Southeast Conference Board of Directors on July 19, 2007 in
Juneau, Alaska.**

Witnessed by:

Attest:

Carol Rushmore

Shelly Wright

Carol Rushmore

Shelly Wright

President

Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007
AND
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE GRANT TO
DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

(Resolution 08-04)

WHEREAS Southeast Conference is the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), the USDA Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, and the Economic Development District (EDD) for Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS the Conference is responsible for preparing and maintaining a regional development strategy for capacity building, economic and community development, and resource conservation and development in Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska provides ARDORs annual operating grants to partially fund performance of work plans that implement regional development strategies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the Southeast Conference integrated SEC/ARDOR/RC&D Work Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2008.

The Board authorizes acceptance of and assumes responsibility for an ARDOR grant of \$61,060 to partially fund execution of the FY-08 Work Plan.

The Board certifies the required non-state cash match has been committed as reported in the Conference's ARDOR Grant Application. The Board agrees to collect the required match and allocate it to performance of ARDOR tasks.

The Board authorizes President Carol Rushmore, and her successor, to negotiate, execute, and administer documents required for granting of funds to Southeast Conference and for managing funds on its behalf. She and her successor are further authorized to negotiate and execute amendments to grant documents when needed to adjust the Work Plan or Budget to better meet the development needs of the region at the time.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON July 20, 2007.

Witness:



Carol Rushmore - President Southeast Conference
Attest:



Shelly Wright – Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE REQUESTING FUNDING
BY THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE PARALYTIC SHELLFISH
POISONING (PSP) TESTING PROGRAM.**

Resolution 08-05

WHEREAS, the residents of Southeast Alaska are more at risk for being hospitalized for paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) from eating abundant local molluscan shellfish than nearly any other coastal US residents; and

WHEREAS, PSP testing of shellfish is considered a vital state service designed to protect public health and is funded by every other coastal state except Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the only PSP testing in Alaska is conducted upon product harvested by shellfish farmers and commercial dive harvesters; and

WHEREAS, even these tests are threatened by the pending imposition of heavy user fees on oyster farmers and geoduck divers for these vital state services; and

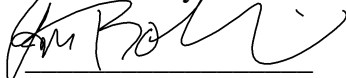
WHEREAS, the fees will put most Southeast oyster farms out of business and hamper the growth and development of the region's important dive fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Administration has funded the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's PSP testing program for FY07 and FY08 at the level of \$75,000 to \$80,000, respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast Conference strongly requests Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the Department of Environmental Conservation's PSP testing program and prevent the agency from implementing user fees to pay for this vital state service.

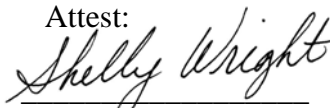
This resolution is adopted by the Southeast Conference Membership on September 20, 2007.

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling
President

Attest:



Shelly Wright
Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF A
MATCHING STATE FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTIONAL
PROGRAMS OF THE ALASKA SEAFOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE.**

Resolution 08-06

WHEREAS, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) is a partnership between the State of Alaska and Alaska's seafood industry, with a mission of raising the value of the seafood harvest; and

WHEREAS, competition from foreign farmed seafood significantly devalued wild Alaska salmon in the past and threatens to devalue other wild Alaska whitefish and shellfish species in the future unless brand value for Alaska Seafood can be retained and increased; and

WHEREAS, Alaska seafood industry contributions to ASMI form the core of ASMI's budget, an average of \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 per year, used to leverage federal dollars for promoting Alaska Seafood in the U.S. market and key overseas markets including Japan, China and the European Union; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, its citizens and communities benefit from a strong, sustained promotional effort for the Alaska Seafood brand that boosts the value of the products to the producers as well as boosting revenues to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, statewide, Alaska's seafood industry contributes \$65,000,000 in taxes to state and local governments and employment in the form of 53,900 harvesting or processing jobs per year; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska region accounted for nearly \$200,000,000 of the total ex-vessel value of the seafood harvest, estimated to be \$1.4 billion in 2006, thus accounting for about 14% of the statewide seafood economy (according to ADF&G, NMFS and McDowell Group); and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska region accounted for about a third of the salmon harvested in the state's commercial salmon harvest, and also boasts vibrant commercial fisheries for additional key commercial species including halibut, crab, black cod and herring; and

WHEREAS, in the Southeast Alaska region, salmon accounts for about half the commercial harvest, with the highest level of activity taking place in the summer months, and other key commercial species harvested during the balance of the year, offering more steady employment and year round benefits to the economy; and

WHEREAS, historically and today the seafood industry is one of Southeast Alaska's and the State of Alaska's top private sector employers; and

WHEREAS, most fisheries in Southeast Alaska are state managed, with many offering a more affordable entry cost for harvesters and processors, as well as the opportunity for

new entrants into the fisheries, so support for seafood marketing and promotion has the potential to benefit Southeast Alaska even more in the future than it does today; and

WHEREAS, a vigorous seafood promotional effort for the Alaska Seafood brand by ASMI is an integral part of building the value of the commercial seafood harvest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast Conference supports the financial participation of the State of Alaska in the public-private partnership that is ASMI, in the form of a matching State Funding Contribution to the effective promotional programs of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

This resolution is adopted by the Southeast Conference Membership on September 20, 2007.

Witnessed by:

Attest:



Jon Bolling
President

Shelly Wright
Executive Director

SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE FOR THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY IN ITS EFFORTS TO WORK WITH PNWER (PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION) IN DEVELOPING THE NOR PASS, A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PASS ALLOWING A PERSON TO TRAVEL ON VARIOUS FERRIES AND TRAINS FROM SEATTLE TO ALASKA BY PURCHASING A SINGLE TICKET

Resolution 08-07

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides a vital link for residents and visitors traveling to and from the Lower 48 and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System connects with roads, rail, and other passenger vessel systems; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of AMHS passengers travel to the interior of Alaska where they may link up with the Alaska Railroad; and

WHEREAS, passengers traveling southbound may link up with BC Ferries and Canadian rail links; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between various transportation systems in the Pacific Northwest will only enhance marketing for each individual entity, including AMHS; and


WHEREAS, any effort to increase rider ship will only help AMHS sustain itself and provide much needed revenue to the system; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference was formed in 1958 as an association of communities to advocate for the establishment of the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

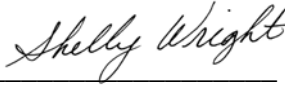
WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has greatly expanded its original mission; it is still committed to the development and efficient operations of AMHS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference will support the efforts of the Alaska Marine Highway system to partner with PNWER in developing the Nor Pass, a concept similar to the Eurail Pass proven successful in Europe, providing access to regional transportation links with the use of one pass or ticket.

This resolution adopted by the Southeast Conference Membership September 20, 2007

Witnessed by: 

Jon Bolling, President

Attested by: 

Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING
INCLUDING PORTS AND HARBORS INFRASTRUCTURE AS PART OF THE
STATEWIDE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Resolution 08-08

WHEREAS, it seems ports and harbors infrastructure has been ignored and we believe it plays a major role in Alaska's transportation development; and

WHEREAS, the economies of Southeast Alaska are dependent on marine transportation and its associated docks and harbors, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Southwest Alaska, Bering Sea `associated infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, port facilities linking the interior by road and rail deliver fuel, building materials, seafood, groceries, heavy equipment, etc. and in return receive raw materials for transshipment to market, and

WHEREAS, water front development is vital to Alaska and the State of Alaska needs to put it right up with surface transportation as a priority in long range planning, and

WHEREAS, we encourage the State of Alaska to make port development a priority to the STIP and DOT long range planning process and support the underfunded harbor matching grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference requests ports and harbors infrastructure be included in the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. It is the link between our marine highways, which moves goods and people, and our hard surface transportation (roads, rail), which do the same.

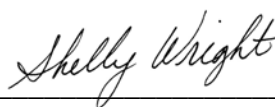
**THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.**

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING
RENEWED ADVOCACY FOR THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM
Resolution 08-09**

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference was originally formed to support and advocate for the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides the main transportation link between coastal communities in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Highway System, like the hard-link road system throughout the Railbelt, relies on State and Federal government funding and, like a road will never be self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System, in conjunction with the communities and professional planners, has written and partially implemented a series of transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System has not enjoyed the same support as the road system within the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities should place equal importance on maintenance and enhancement of marine transportation projects as road project; and

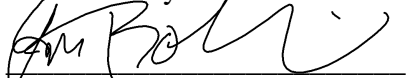
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference would like to see the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Alaska Marine Highway System:

1. follow their own regional transportation plans;
2. manage the system to reliably meet year-round service needs of communities
3. develop a long-term strategy for replacement of aging vessels prior to implementing new service;
4. Work with communities to market the System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference will rededicate itself to advocating for the Alaska Marine Highway System to the State and Legislature ensuring that a reliable ferry fleet continues to service coastal Alaska Communities.

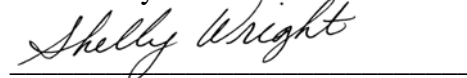
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MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.**

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING THE
SOUTHEAST ALASKA INTERTIE PROJECT**

Resolution 08-10

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is the only place in the United States with a population its size not interconnected by an electrical intertie system; and

WHEREAS, the lack of interconnection substantially increases power costs in many communities of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Southeast Alaska need reliable, cost effective, long term sources of energy for the future in order to minimize environmental impacts, stabilize electrical rates, foster employment, an increase economic development opportunities ; and

WHEREAS, connecting the hydro projects of Southeast Alaska would allow for excess power which could be connected and sold to the North American grid; and

WHEREAS, profits from selling excess power could be used to finance further interconnection of the intertie and reduce electrical rates of Southeast Alaska consumers; and

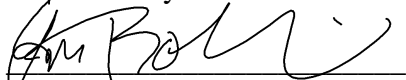
WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has continued to support an energy coordinator to work with the state legislature and the congressional delegation in moving intertie projects forward; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that continued progress be made connecting all of Southeast Alaska with a transmission line system; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference supports the efforts to identify funding and proceed with planning an construction of the Southeast Alaska intertie in order to provide steady affordable power for Southeast Alaska residents, and reduce the dependence on expensive diesel generators by our rural communities.

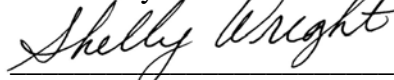
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MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.**

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING STATE
FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
GAME**

Resolution 08-11

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) constitutional priority is sustainability of the fishery resources when making management decisions; and

WHEREAS, when ADF&G managers lack research or data with which to make management decisions, managers are constitutionally mandated to manage for conservation first, which many times means leaving harvestable surpluses of fishery resources under utilized; and

WHEREAS, the seafood industry is the largest private sector employer in Southeast, accounting for 3,900 jobs in 2006 in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the ex-vessel value of harvested fisheries in Southeast Alaska in 2006 was \$192 million, with a first wholesale value of \$400 million; and

WHEREAS, ADF&G has relied heavily in past years on Federal funds to manage state fisheries and implement other federal fishery mandates and these funds are projected to begin declining; and

WHEREAS, the lack of Federal or State funds could lead to restrictions in harvestable surpluses of fishery resources;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference supports the State funding requests for Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

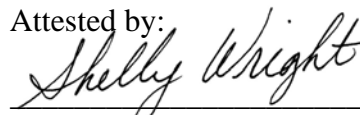
**THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2007.**

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Resolution 08-14

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR PALINS ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR STATE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS INCLUDING ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY VESSELS

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTS INCLUDING AMHS VESSEL FUNDING IN THE LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, there are many large transportation projects in the State of Alaska that need critical attention and,

WHEREAS, the price of construction materials and fuel are causing project costs to escalate and,

WHEREAS, bonding allows the purchase of materials at the most current pricing in order for projects to get started and,

WHEREAS, road maintenance, repair, and construction are critically important to all residents in the state including S.E. Alaska and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System is part of the road system in S.E. Alaska and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System is also at a critical stage with old vessels designed in the 1960's to meet the marine transportation needs for 50 years and,

WHEREAS, the needed for regional transportation plans call for replacement vessels to meet the marine transportation needs into the future and,

WHEREAS, aging vessels are less efficient, cost more to repair every year, and are reaching the end of their designed useful service life span and,

WHEREAS, much of coastal Alaska will always be dependent on water based surface transportation and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is enjoying strong fiscal times due to high oil prices and,

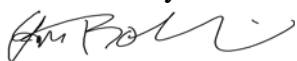
WHEREAS, the State of Alaska realizes the need to put money into savings for possible future downturns in revenue and,

WHEREAS, investment into replacement vessels of the Alaska Marine Highway System is also a way to save money for the future by reducing the repair and maintenance costs expected from and aging fleet,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference supports Administrative and Legislative efforts such as HB 314 and SB 224 for issuance of general obligation bonds up to \$140,000,000 and amending the legislation to include \$50,000,000 for AMHS vessel replacement funding.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD MARCH 26, 2008.

Witnessed by



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A
“TRANSPORTATION FUND”**

Resolution 08-15

WHEREAS, the need for improving the transportation infrastructure in the State of Alaska is essential to a growing and healthy economy and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is experiencing large increases in revenue due to high oil prices and,

WHEREAS, federal dollars passed on to the State for transportation projects appear to be shrinking and,

WHEREAS, using State of Alaska money for projects allows for more local control and,

WHEREAS, using 5% of the market value of the fund (endowment) annually should allow it to grow or remain constant and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska needs to begin looking at different approaches for funding both land and marine based transportation infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, the vast distances for transporting people, goods, and services in Alaska create tremendous challenges,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southeast Conference Board of Directors supports administrative and legislative efforts such as SB 236 to establish a “Transportation Fund” for the purpose of helping pay for future transportation infrastructure in the State of Alaska including Alaska Marine System ferries and facilities.

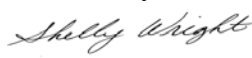
THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD MARCH 26TH, 2008

Witnessed by



John Bolling, President

Attested by



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JUNEAU'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER
DECLARATION RESULTING FROM THE SNETTISHAM AVALANCHE
AND
A CALL FOR A SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER GRID**

Resolution 08-17

WHEREAS, the Capital City of Juneau, Alaska depends on hydropower for its electrical energy needs, and

WHEREAS, Juneau has one of the highest per capita households in Southeast Alaska dependent on electricity for home heating, and

WHEREAS, the April 16, 2008 Snettisham avalanche resulted in nearly the entire electrical supply of the community of Juneau to be powered by diesel fuel, and

WHEREAS, this disaster has impacted the local utility and will impact Juneau's municipal operations, schools, and businesses and will place many citizens in extreme financial difficulty in meeting an immediate expected fivefold increase in electrical rates, and

WHEREAS, many Southeast communities dependent on diesel already suffer from extremely high electricity costs, as compared to State and National averages; and

WHEREAS, the envisioned Southeast Intertie will integrate all Southeast Alaska communities into a region wide electrical grid by providing all communities with hydropower and providing energy security from multiple sources. These routes have been discussed and analyzed for over three decades, and

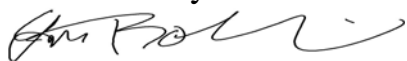
WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is blessed with abundant hydropower, tidal and wind power that is undeveloped, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference and its member communities fully support and endorse the City and Borough of Juneau's disaster declaration resulting from this act of nature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference and its member communities endorse the expedited and full funding for the Southeast Intertie Infrastructure to provide lower cost energy and energy security for all Southeast communities.

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 25, 2008.**

Witnessed by:



Jon Bolling, President

Attested by:



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

**Southeast Conference
Resolution 08-18
Resolution for Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine**

WHEREAS, the 2008 Mid-Session Summit of Southeast Conference is meeting to promote environmentally sound and energy efficient resource development for the betterment of our people's socioeconomic needs and;

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is a regional non-profit corporation that advances the collective interests of the people communities and businesses in Southeast Alaska and;
, Southeast Conference's mission is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska and;

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference represents municipalities Native corporations and village councils regional and local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals throughout the region and;

WHEREAS, it is a primary goal of Southeast Conference to facilitate good high-paying jobs in our region and;

WHEREAS, Coeur Alaska and the Kensington Gold Mine have for over 20 years sought to design construct and operate a project that has clearly demonstrated its intent to meet the highest environmental and energy standards and;

WHEREAS, the Kensington is essentially constructed and has employed over 400 people during the past three years, employing and purchasing primarily locally and within Alaska and;

WHEREAS Coeur Alaska has openly sought out and incorporated environmental standards and reclamation criteria in project planning and design from the Conservations Groups, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC) Sierra Club and Lynn Canal Conservation (LCC), as part of an environmental mediation sponsored by the City and Borough of Juneau and;

WHEREAS Coeur Alaska has redesigned the Kensington tailings plan to avoid future litigation by these groups and;

WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service has recently issued their environmental analysis (Supplemental Information Report - SIR) making an initial recommendation that a 4th Environmental Impact Statement is not needed and;

WHEREAS Coeur Alaska seeks to complete permitting and construction of the new environmentally preferred tailings management plan in 2008 in a timely manner, with the support of the Conservation Groups and;

WHEREAS the new alternative is substantially the same as, but smaller in environmental footprint than a dry tailings option fully permitted in 1998 at the same site, and supported by the Conservation Groups, USFS, EPA, ACOE, State of Alaska, and CBJ and;


WHEREAS Southeast Conference has steadfastly supported the Kensington Gold Mine to operate in an environmentally responsible manner, creating over 200 new long-term, high-paying jobs and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference supports the SIR recently released by the USFS, and the District Ranger's initial recommendation that the new Modified Plan of Operations does not constitute a substantial change to the proposed action relevant to environmental concerns which was evaluated in the 2004 SEIS, and that no new SEIS or EA be required by the USFS, EPA or ACOE;


And that Southeast Conference urges SEACC, Sierra Club and LCC to keep their promises to Southeast Conference to work with Coeur and said agencies to expedite the environmentally sound permitting such that a 2008 construction program can be completed.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 26, 2008.

Witnessed by


Jon Bolling, President

Attested by


Shelly Wright, Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Resolution 08-19

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF THE INITIATIVES 07WTR AND 07WTR3.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides that Alaska's resources shall be made available for maximum use consistent with the public interest and,

WHEREAS, consistent and clear land use planning that identifies multiple use lands is essential for a vibrant resource development-based economy and,

WHEREAS, on lands designated through such planning for multiple use, no decision should be made on whether to permit or restrict resource development projects in Alaska until all of the required environmental impact studies have been completed and,

WHEREAS, the current regulatory process for permitting mining projects protects public health and safety as well as environmental and subsistence values and,

WHEREAS, existing and proposed new, large scale metal mining projects in Alaska that can operate in a way that will protect local fish, wildlife, and human health, and obtain all required state and federal permits and comply with all environmental laws, should be allowed to operate and,

WHEREAS, the anti-mining initiatives are so broadly written that they would prohibit the development of new large scale mines and would force the shutdown of existing large scale mines throughout Alaska and,

WHEREAS, these drastic anti-mining initiatives threaten thousands of existing and future jobs, and threaten the loss of up to 10 billion dollars in state revenues and,

WHEREAS, they would be especially damaging to Alaska Native communities, which depend upon revenues and jobs from natural resource development and,

WHEREAS, the shutdown of existing and future mines would be a serious economic blow to Alaska's economy, with ripple effects in employment and investment far beyond the communities and mining companies directly affected by such a shutdown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference is opposed to the passage of initiatives 07WTR and 07WTR3 if they are placed on the Alaska ballot.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 26, 2008

Witnessed By



Jon Bolling, President

Attested By



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
Resolution 08-20
**A RESOLUTON REQUESTING THE RECONDISERATION OF A DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR JUNEAU**

June 10, 2008

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is comprised of local governments and businesses, the mission of which is to promote economic development throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, a long term source of lower cost power, such as that provided by hydroelectric facilities, is essential to economic development in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is working toward an energy future in which long term lower cost power is provided by a series of hydroelectric facilities connected by a Southeast Alaska wide grid; and

WHEREAS, the transmission line that will connect such hydroelectric facilities will necessarily traverse steep, mountainous terrain, thereby subjecting businesses and communities to electric power interruptions due to high winds mud slides, and snow avalanches which will force them to rely on higher cost diesel power during the period of interruption; and

WHEREAS, the Swan Lake - Tye Intertie, currently under construction in southern Southeast Alaska, is an example of a transmission line that will traverse steep mountainous terrain and thus be subject to such power interruptions due to high winds, mud slides, and avalanches; and

WHEREAS, the Green Lake and Blue Lake hydroelectric projects in Sitka, Alaska are other examples of facilities having transmission lines that traverse steep mountainous terrain and are subject to power interruptions due to high winds, mud slides, and avalanches; and

WHEREAS, the underwater transmission line connecting Haines and Skagway is subject to interruptions from natural forces and

WHEREAS, the Snettisham hydroelectric facility, which provides electric power to Juneau, via transmission lines traversing steep, mountainous terrain, was designed and constructed by the federal government in 1973; and

WHEREAS, portions of the transmission towers and transmission lines which move the power from Snettisham hydroelectric facility to the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) were repositioned by the federal government in 1976, 1986 and 1994 to reduce their risk of damage due to exposure high winds, mud slides and avalanches along the route; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the federal government transferred the Snettisham hydroelectric facility to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, an agency of the State of Alaska, which thereupon entered into an operating agreement with Alaska Electric Light & Power; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2008 a series of major avalanches, which in combination have been categorized as a Class V avalanche, destroyed seven transmission towers which has resulted in the inability of Snettisham to provide hydroelectric power to the CBJ for at least six weeks; and

WHEREAS, until Snettisham hydroelectric power was restored on June 1, 2008 power was provided by AEL&P's diesel generators, the electric utility rates for which was four to five times higher than the rates for Snettisham power; and

WHEREAS, there are many CBJ residents and for profit and non-profit businesses which cannot afford the higher rates for diesel power or the rate increases which associated with repair of the lines if AEL&P is required to pay those costs; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ has made its \$3,000,000 reserve fund available to non-governmental organizations to assist those CBJ residents and non-profit corporations unable to pay the rates during the period that Snettisham is off line; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses of the CBJ have reduced their power consumption by approximately 40% since the emergency began; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ is not eligible for power cost equalization; and

WHEREAS, when previous "Acts of God" such as the Anchorage earthquake of 1964 or the Fairbanks flood of 1967 occurred Alaskans came together as one community to provide support and relief even though the state did not then have significant oil revenues; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2008 the CBJ Assembly requested that the Governor declare the Snettisham situation a "disaster emergency" as provided by AS 26.23, thereby making state and federal resources available to offset the economic consequences to the community caused by the significantly higher electric rates resulting from the use of diesel for power generation ; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2008 the Energy Committee of Southeast Conference passed a resolution supporting the CBJ's request for a disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2008 the Governor elected not to declare the Snettisham situation a "disaster," thereby denying CBJ residents and businesses access to state and federal resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008 the CBJ legislative delegation requested that the Governor reconsider her decision; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2008 the CBJ Assembly passed a resolution urging the Governor to reconsider her May 2, 2008 decision not to declare the Snettisham situation a "disaster" and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2008 Senator Lisa Murkowski on behalf of the Congressional Delegation requested that the Governor reconsider her decision so that federal funds could be made available to repair the downed transmission lines, and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference considers the Snettisham avalanches to have been an "Act of God" which is causing economic damage to the CBJ similar to the physical damage that has been caused to other communities within the state which have been officially declared a "disaster emergency" by the state; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference contemplates that similar future interruptions of electric power to Southeast Alaska communities will occur as the Southeast Alaska region wide hydroelectric power grid is realized with similar, significant adverse economic impacts upon those communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Southeast Conference fully supports the requests of the CBJ legislative delegation, the CBJ Assembly, and the Congressional Delegation to the Governor to reconsider her denial of a disaster emergency declaration for Juneau;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Southeast Conference fully acknowledges the current conditions of high energy costs in rural Alaska and asks that our Governor, Congressional Delegations and Legislative Delegation look to solutions to our energy crisis in all of Southeast Alaska.

Witnessed By



Jon Bolling, President

Attested By



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