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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Napaimute resolution requesting extension of public comment period

My Traditional Council is formally requesting that the public comment period for the Donlin Gold DEIS be extended an additional six months. Please see attached resolution 16-02. If you require any clarification please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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Resolution No. 16-02

A Resolution To Formally Request That The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Extend The Public Comment Period for the Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) By An Additional Six (6) Months Beyond The Current Comment Deadline Of April 30th, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Napaimute Traditional Council is the federally recognized tribal governing body for The Native Village of Napaimute, and;

WHEREAS, the Napaimute Traditional Council represents the interests of the tribal members of The Native Village of Napaimute, and;

WHEREAS, the Napaimute Traditional Council believes that given the scale and scope of the proposed Donlin Gold project, the sheer volume and technical nature of the issues and alternatives analyzed in the DEIS: and conflicting Agency conclusions on the impact to subsistence uses that additional time is required for public review of the document to allow for meaningful comments to the ACOE by the public on the DEIS;

WHEREAS, Federal Agencies are required to make efforts to provide meaningful public involvement in their NEPA process (CEQ NEPA Regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.4(b), 1506.6(b));

WHEREAS, the Napaimute Traditional Council does not feel that the current public participation efforts to-date, or scheduled prior to the April 30th deadline will meet the requirements of "providing **meaningful** public involvement", for reasons stated above;

WHEREAS, the proposed project **will** directly affect our Tribal Members along with other Kuskokwim Stakeholders for generations to come, potentially in perpetuity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Napaimute Traditional Council is formally requesting that the ACOE extend the public comment period six (6) months beyond the current deadline of April 30th, 2016, and that the ACOE schedule additional outreach with the affected communities and Tribes during this extended period for the purpose of soliciting **meaningful** public comments on the DEIS;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Environmental Director for the Native Village of Napaimute has been in contact with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to inquire as to what services they can provide to facilitate our request, and given the controversy surrounding the proposed project we would encourage your Agency to do likewise.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was adopted at a meeting in which a quorum of the Native Village of Napaimute Traditional Council was present. Passed and approved on the 17st day of February 2016 with a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstain.

Devron Hellings February 17, 2016

Devron K. Hellings, President **Date**

02.17.2016

Shelly P. Leary, Secretary **Date**