

**ALEKNAGIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2005-25**

**WHEREAS**, the Aleknagik Traditional Council is a federally recognized tribe and is located on the shores of Lake Aleknagik, and

**WHEREAS**, the economy of the tribal members is primarily a subsistence economy and the lifestyle is supplemented with commercial fishing for some tribal members who hold Limited Entry Permits or crew for those permit holders, and

**WHEREAS**, the commercial fishery does not provide adequate opportunities for growing population of the tribe due to lack of Limited Entry Permits into the fishery coupled with low prices for salmon and run fluctuations, and

**WHEREAS**, tribal members who attempt to remain home and work are not being hired by multiple lodge owners who are located in the Aleknagik Lake System, and

**WHEREAS**, coupled with a lack of employment opportunities, local people who do not have a stable cash economy cannot make ends meet due to the high price of heating fuel, gasoline, airfare and supplies that have increase dramatically in recent years, and

**WHEREAS**, the tribal council is very concerned about the rate of out-migration of the young tribal members of Aleknagik who leave the village to find long term jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Dynasty Mines is seeking to develop a Mineral Prospect located near Lake Illiamna that can provide a living wage for tribal members who want to remain in the region and work on the project, and

**WHEREAS**, this new project could offer jobs, lower the cost of energy and provide cheaper transportation to the region, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Aleknagik Traditional Council supports the Northern Dynasty's efforts to find a safe way to extract the minerals, provided that it does not harm the fish, game resources and way of life of the Native People of Bristol Bay;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Aleknagik Traditional Council will reserve its judgment on the mine until after the mining plan has been completed:

**FINALLY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Aleknagik Traditional Council will participate in the public process including the State Environmental Impact Study and the Federal National Environmental Policy Act process and their Agencies conduct their hearings on the permit application.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Passed and approved by a quorum of the Aleknagik Traditional Council on this 19 day of DECEMBER 2005.

**SIGNED:**

  
Wassillie Nutsik, President

12-19-05  
Date

**ATTEST:**

  
Kay M. Andrews, Secretary

12-19-05  
Date