



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

Economic development & advocacy for Southwest Alaska

Resolution 04-06

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supporting the continued exploration and eventual development of the surface copper, gold, and molybdenum resources at the Pebble porphyry site near Iliamna Lake, Alaska

WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay Region has experienced numerous years of disastrous Sockeye Salmon returns and critically low salmon prices resulting in area residents relocating to seek work to support their families; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the Lake and Peninsula Borough has experienced one of the highest average unemployment rates in the Southwest Region and the state; and

WHEREAS, the development and operation of the Pebble Prospect with its related infrastructure, in an environmentally responsible manner, would create hundreds of high paying, long term and rewarding jobs available to all residents of the Bristol Bay Region, thereby increasing the economic development potential of the region; and,

WHEREAS, Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. continues to demonstrate commitment to Lake Iliamna and borough residents through repeated on-site, annual updates by providing the latest information on known assay values, from its drilling efforts; exploration plans for the upcoming season and candid estimates as to the timeline until potential ore production can begin;

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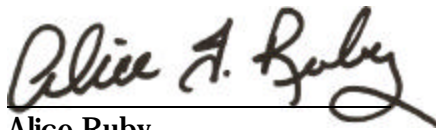
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Southwest Municipal Conference support continued exploration and ultimate development of a surface mine to extract copper/gold/molybdenum from the Pebble porphyry site in the Iliamna Lake Region, while

ensuring maximum environmental protections are employed to protect the wildlife, subsistence resources and the people in the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this is a call to action to Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, Governor Frank Murkowski, and the Alaska State Legislature to work closely with the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, Lake and Peninsula Borough, area communities and tribal governments, to assure the safest and earliest completion of this project.

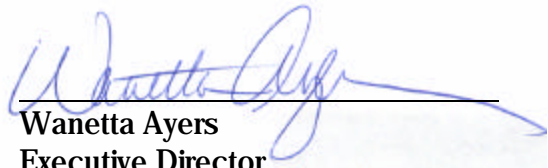
PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference.

Signed:



Alice Ruby
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Referred to: Infrastructure Committee, DO PASS