



Resolution 2025-02

Adopting the October 28, 2025 Report and Findings of Dr. Matt Cronin

WHEREAS, the Ambler Access Project Subsistence Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) is charged with evaluating and advising on subsistence-related impacts and protections associated with the proposed Ambler Road; and

WHEREAS, the Committee previously adopted **Resolution 2024-01**, affirming AIDEA’s responsibility to protect fish, wildlife, and all subsistence resources, and establishing the Committee’s oversight role in implementing protective measures for the Ambler Access Project, including the adoption of Standard Operating Procedures that govern road operations, maintenance, and security—ensuring the road remains private, access is permitted and controlled, and subsistence protections are enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed the October 28, 2025 report titled “*A Review of Information on Caribou (Rangifer tarandus) in Relation to the Ambler Road Project in Northern Alaska*” authored by Dr. Matt Cronin, which provides scientific findings relevant to subsistence use and caribou ecology in the Ambler Mining District region; and

WHEREAS, the report concludes:

- That the proposed Ambler Road is unlikely to have a large effect on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH);
- That in most years, there has been little spatial overlap between the WACH and the proposed road corridor;
- That the Ambler Access Project is not located within the annual migration routes of the WACH, either in the fall or spring seasons;
- That predation is a major concern of the local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee formally adopts the October 28, 2025 report and findings of Dr. Matt Cronin regarding to the Ambler Access Project;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the committee request the Secretary of Interior approve a local predator control program for wolf and bear control by the local communities for local residents to bring down the predator populations.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the committee urges Commissioner of Department of Fish and Game to bring appropriate predator control on state land to Board of Game for game units around the Kobuk river communities, Allakaket, Hughes and Huslia.

Adopted this 6th day of November 2025 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Signed:

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Larry Westlake Sr.
Co-Chair, Subsistence Advisory Committee

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Fred Bifelt
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