



Resolution 2024-01, Road Operations: Fish, Wildlife, and Security Management Plan

WHEREAS, AIDEA as the developer of the 211-mile Ambler Access Road and as the owner of the Delong Mountain Transportation System (DMTS), also known as the Red Dog Road and Port, AIDEA has committed to form the Subsistence Advisory Committee (SAC) similar to the successful Red Dog SAC;

WHEREAS, AIDEA has the responsibility to protect the fish, wildlife, and all customary and traditional practices also known as subsistence resources. AIDEA designates the SAC as the primary entity with oversight authority for the commitments to protect subsistence resources by AIDEA along the entire 211-mile road;

WHEREAS, AIDEA agreed through the federal permits to form the SAC to consult directly and regularly with the subsistence communities, tribal governments, Alaska Native corporations, and Alaska Native non-profits through the SAC to determine measures for reducing impacts of the Ambler Road Project on subsistence uses;

WHEREAS, protection and preservation of fish and local wildlife, especially caribou, are essential to maintaining the ecological balance and cultural heritage of Northwestern Alaska;

WHEREAS, the development of road operations, maintenance, and security management plans will provide procedures to minimize, mitigate, and protect subsistence resources; and

WHEREAS, the following management plans, including referenced policies and procedures will be required to obtain access to Ambler Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Subsistence Advisory Committee**:

1. The committee is responsible for the development of Management Plans and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that protect subsistence resources, specifically Fish and Wildlife in the road corridor.
2. The committee adopts the following documents to govern the road's construction and operations:
 - a. Caribou Policy
 - b. Wildlife Incident SOP
 - c. Caribou Report Card
 - d. Wildlife Policy
 - e. Security SOP (to be further developed)
 - f. Spills Report Card (to be developed)
 - g. Maintenance and Monitoring Report (to be developed)
3. The Committee will review and update these management plans regularly to continuously improve the protection of our fish and wildlife.
4. Key Considerations:
 - a. **Right-of-Way**: Recognize the priority for wildlife right-of-way on or near the road at all times.
 - b. **Migration and Grazing**: Implement strategies to minimize disturbance at all times especially during travel and grazing periods.
 - c. **Monitoring and Reporting**: Wildlife presence will be reported as well as any disturbances or breaches of management plan to a local wildlife monitor
 - d. **Emergency Response**: Prioritize Emergency Traffic and response to environmental incidents.



e. **Access and trespassing.** All access will be controlled by the security gates on the east and west ends of the road. Monitoring and reporting of all traffic, including any attempted non-authorized users will be performed. Industrial mining activities will need to have a user agreement for access. Transportation for local communities benefit will be allowed as an authorized user at no charge.

5. **Implementation and Training:** All personnel will be thoroughly trained in these plans, policies and procedures and their importance for fish and wildlife protection. Training records and acknowledgement will be documented and tracked.

6. **Updates to management plans, policies and procedures:** The SAC reserves the right to revise any of these documents to improve the protection of subsistence resources, and customary and traditional practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution reflects our commitment to environmental stewardship and the respectful coexistence with the wildlife that forms an integral part of our region's ecosystem.

Adopted this February 21, 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Co-Chairs: Larry Westlake Sr. and Fred Bifelt
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Subsistence Advisory Committee Members			
	Vote		Vote
Larry Westlake Sr. (Kiana) <i>Co-Chair</i>	Yes	Fred Bifelt (Huslia) <i>Co-Chair</i>	Yes
Wilbur Howarth (Noorvik)	N/P	Wayne Musser (Evansville)	N/P
Morgan Johnson (Ambler)	Yes	Harding Sam (Alatna)	N/P
Nellie Griest (Shungnak)	N/P	Gordon Bergman (Allakaket)	Yes
Henry Horner (Kobuk)	N/P	Hugh Bifelt (Hughes)	Yes
Andy Baker (Kotzebue)	Yes	Stanley Ned (Fairbanks)	Yes
N/P- Not Present			
Resolution Passed 7-0			