

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly placing a moratorium on new tour permits visiting the Chilkoot Lake and river corridor.

WHEREAS, crowding of people around bears along the Chilkoot River corridor has increased in recent years to the point that problems have been reported in statewide newspapers and in blogs based in the Lower 48 and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, continued crowding and unsafe practices threaten to harm Haines' reputation as a tourist destination and as a place to view bears; and

WHEREAS, continued crowding and the same practices threaten to diminish the value of existing tours and other economic opportunities at Chilkoot; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, in the interest of public safety and wildlife, need to develop a management plan to address issues at the Chilkoot Lake and river corridor; and

WHEREAS, without action, the borough can expect to see continued applications for new tours on the Chilkoot corridor; and


WHEREAS, Haines Borough leaders have been discussing a moratorium since at least 2014 when such action was taken by the borough, then struck on reconsideration; and

WHEREAS, additional crowding and approval of several new tours have occurred since 2014,

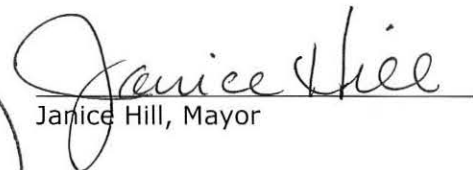
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly is placing a moratorium on permits for new tours and transferring existing permits to new operators while the moratorium is in effect along the Chilkoot Corridor. The moratorium will be in place until the Haines Borough is satisfied that management **improvements for** protocols are in place to protect the scenic, natural and economic values of the Chilkoot corridor, without further degradation. **Clerk's note: On May 25, 2021, the Haines Borough Assembly eliminated the no transfer clause from the Chilkoot Corridor Moratorium.*

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 8th day of May, 2018 with an effective date of May 9, 2018.

Attest:


Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor