

HAINES BOROUGH
RESOLUTION No. 18-06-761

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, endorsing the Chilkat River Access Working Group Recommendations to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for maintaining and enhancing access to the Chilkat River by design, Haines Highway Project, Phase II.

WHEREAS, the Chilkat River supports all life in the valley; is critical to the health and sustenance of salmon and trout and all that feed upon them; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the Chilkat River valley provide critical habitat for wildlife and offer people opportunities for recreation, subsistence, sport and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Highway (Alaska Route 7) is routed mainly along the shores of the Chilkat River miles 7 to 24 and the Klehini River mile 25 and 26; and

WHEREAS, adequate, safe and ongoing access to the Chilkat River and the Klehini River is essential in supporting life and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation is currently designing the realignment of the Haines Highway from miles 12 to 26; and

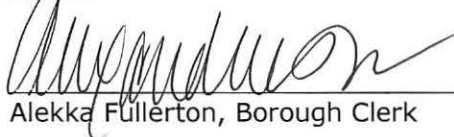
WHEREAS, the borough convened a working group of stakeholders in the health and use of the Chilkat and Klehini rivers in Haines April – May, 2018 to document currently-used access points, to identify how the points are used and challenges that have arisen during times of high use and demand; and

WHEREAS, the consensus among stakeholders is that maintenance and enhancement of the identified access points is critical to subsistence fishing and hunting, fish habitat enhancement and the growth and expansion of the tourism industry;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly by this resolution endorses the findings of the Chilkat River Access Working Group and recommends the maintenance of all points providing access to the Chilkat and Klehini Rivers documented in the May 25, 2018 report to the State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Design & Engineering.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 26th day of June, 2018.

Attest:


Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor