



Chickaloon Village Traditional Council

(Nay'dini'aa Na' Kayax)

VIA EMAIL

August 27, 2024

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Re: POA-2003-00502-M21

Ugheli Dzaen (Good Day) Ms. Hancock:

Chickaloon Native Village (CNV) is a federally recognized Ahtna Dene Tribe in southcentral Alaska, governed by Chickaloon Village Tribal Council (CVTC). CNV's ancestral territory and traditional area of influence include trading trails that span from the Beaufort Sea to the Copper River Delta. This territory also encompasses much of southcentral Alaska, Upper Cook Inlet, the Copper River Region, the Alaska Range, the Matanuska watershed, and the Susitna River watershed. We acknowledge that this region overlaps neighboring Dene and other Tribal traditional customary use areas.

Actions that occur within Dene traditional ancestral territory and customary area of use (as noted above) may impact the environment, Dene cultural resources, and the health of Tribal citizens and community members. To mitigate these impacts, CVTC employs a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer working to identify, protect and preserve cultural sites and artifacts.

CVTC has received your notice of permit proposal for the Port of Alaska to remove existing infrastructure, construct of a newly configured cargo terminal and shore stabilization. CVTC offers the following comments:

- 1) Granted the project is primarily only on the terminals itself, the probability of cultural resources is very low after decades if not millennia of Port disturbance to what had been a major Tribal trading and fishing area. CVTC does not normally accept a 'desktop' survey of AHRS as the only research for cultural resources.
- 2) Wildlife is likely to be impacted, potentially greatly by demolition and construction. Salmon entering Cook Inlet and heading to their respected spawning rivers and streams tend to follow the coastline which also brings in the belugas, porpoise, and seals in pursuit.
- 3) Beluga and porpoise are particularly vulnerable to under water noise disturbance as they utilize sonar to hunt.

Has the Port of Alaska or USACE taken into consideration limiting the disturbance to outside the seasons wildlife has the potential to be impacted? Or noise barriers within the water that had been mentioned on an entirely different Port project in the past?

CVTC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project with the USACE to steward Dene land, particularly in these culturally sensitive areas. We look forward to working with you, if you have any questions please contact Angela Wade, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at alwade@chickaloon-nsn.gov and THPO@Chickaloon-nsn.gov.

May Nek'eltaeni (Creator) Guide our Footsteps,



Chief Gary Harrison (Aug 27, 2024 18:32 AKDT)

Traditional Chief Gary Harrison, Chairman
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