Introduced by: City Manager
Date February 27, 2001
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-06

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA COAST REGIONAL PORT STUDY, SPECIFICALLY DREDGING THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AT OSCARVILLE CROSSING (JOHNSON BAR)

WHEREAS, The Y-K Delta coast regional Port study was prepared for the U.S. Army Engineer District of Alaska in coordination with Alaska Department of Transportation, and Coastal Villages Region Fund; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the study was to examine regional economic and environmental issues related to development of a regional port in western Alaska in the coastal region extending from Goodnews Bay to south Saint Michael to the north; and

WHEREAS, The regional port would serve primarily as a distribution center for general cargo and fuel that is transported to the region by mainline ocean barges and then transferred to villages within the region by shallow-draft coastal and river barges; and

WHEREAS, An analysis of navigation problems shows there is a need to dredge the Kuskokwim River at the Oscarville Crossing (Johnson bar) to reduce delays and the need for light-loading of mainline general cargo and fuel barges and sand, gravel and rock barges; and

WHEREAS, An analysis of navigation problems shows there is a need to dredge the Kuskokwim River at the Oscarville Crossing (Johnson bar) to reduce delays and the need for light-loading of mainline general cargo and fuel barges and sand, gravel and rock barges; and

WHEREAS, Another analysis shows the need for development of minimum mooring and unloading facilities for river barges at all coastal and Kuskowkim River and Yukon River villages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the findings of the Y-K Delta coast regional Port study, specifically the dredging of Oscarville Crossing (Johnson bar) for the benefit of the entire Y-K Delta community.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk