
Resolution to Support Completion of Subsistence Maps

WHEREAS: The Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group has been working since 2008 on mapping areas important to subsistence use, migratory routes and other areas of ecological importance in the Northern Bering Sea, and

WHEREAS: The maps show general areas used for subsistence by our communities, and

WHEREAS: Such maps will be a valuable tool to show outside decision-makers that our people use large areas for hunting and fishing and that the region as a whole is needed to support the health of the resources we have relied on for thousands of years, and

WHEREAS: The map report also contains the words of our Elders and hunters describing the importance of subsistence to our culture, traditional practices, and respect for our resources. Individual Elders and hunters will be quoted only with their permission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group:

1. Supports completion of the draft map report with a final review by the executive director;
2. After final review, the Elders Group supports releasing the report to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, National Marine Fisheries Service, and other decision-makers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the map report will be provided to each tribe along with original audio recordings and their transcriptions and any other original information gathered from the participating tribes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group requests that our tribes approve the release of the final map report through a resolution so that it may be used to help achieve our goal of protecting our subsistence way of life in the northern Bering Sea.

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BERING SEA ELDERS ADVISORY GROUP SUMMIT – NOME, ALASKA

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