



COOK INLETKEEPER®

PROTECTING ALASKA'S COOK INLET WATERSHED AND THE LIFE IT SUSTAINS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT POSITION PAPER

WHEREAS, Cook Inletkeeper has been a longstanding member of the Alaska Conservation Alliance (ACA), and participates on a regular basis in ACA's Issues Policy Committee (IPC);

WHEREAS, ACA's IPC has undertaken an ambitious effort to represent the Alaska conservation community's position on a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope;

WHEREAS, a north slope gas line carries significant political and public support across the state, and if properly developed, can serve as "bridge" to shift Alaska from high-carbon fossil fuels to cleaner renewable alternatives;

WHEREAS, ACA has drafted a "Natural Gas Pipeline Project Position Paper," the preamble of which states:


"ACA believes that the United States and the world must actively pursue the development and integration of new energy sources that are clean and renewable in order to strengthen the US economy, reduce dependence of foreign sources of energy, and to reverse global climate change that is threatening our way of life. Alaska is in a unique position to help shape the energy future of the US while maintaining Alaska's prosperity. Integral to Alaska retaining its position as an energy state is the urgent need to begin developing and investing in renewable energy projects throughout Alaska; from geothermal in the Aleutians to wind in the Arctic. If pursued in a timely and vigorous manner ACA believes that Alaska has the potential to be a leader in this field similar to oil and gas whereby Alaskan technology and expertise is exported to other northern countries and regions.

Alaska's natural gas supplies are a valuable commodity for its citizens. While not a renewable energy source, natural gas is cleaner burning than other fossil fuels and can provide feedstock and financial capital to spur further innovation in renewable energy. Furthermore, the Prudhoe Bay field has an estimated 23 trillion cubic feet of gas, allowing gas reserves to be delivered to market while avoiding the controversies associated with gas development in frontier areas and on private land.;

WHEREAS, Inletkeeper recognizes the valuable role ACA plays in furthering the collective work of Alaskan conservation organizations, and appreciates the vision and foresight provided by ACA in developing the "Natural Gas Pipeline Project Position Paper";

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COOK INLETKEEPER DOES HEREBY RESOLVE TO SUPPORT THE ALASKA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE'S NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT POSITION PAPER.

HAVING BEEN DULY CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO COOK INLETKEEPER'S BY-LAWS, THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.



December 1, 2007

Bob Shavelson, Executive Director

Date