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SOUTHWEST ALASKA CONSERVATION COALITION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2007

I. Introduction

The SWACC Management Board convened at the Bristol Bay Native Corporation office at 9:00 A.M.

Board members present were Tom Hawkins and Tiel Smith, BBNC; Tim Troll, Nushagak/Mulchatna-Wood/Tikchik Land Trust; Randy Hagenstein, TNC and Glenn Elison, The Conservation Fund. Nanci Morris, Katmai Fishing Adventures participated by telephone.

II. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved by consent. A copy is attached.

III. Minutes from the May 10, 2005, Management Board meeting were reviewed and approved by consent.

IV. Election of Officers

The existing slate of officers was reelected.

Tim Troll is Chairman; Glenn Elison is vice-chair and coordinator; Tom Hawkins is Secretary-Treasurer.

V. Information Items

A. Moore Foundation Grant: Glenn discussed the renewal of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Grant. The grant was renewed for five-years in March 2007. The grant includes about \$6.5 million though delivery of funding is predicated on achieving specific deliverables.

B. Habitat projects completed were discussed. A spread sheet of properties acquired was distributed.

Habitat projects in progress were discussed: Wood-Tikchik State Park Allotments, Togiak Refuge, Becharof Refuge, Alagnak Wild River and Katmai Park Allotments.

C. Tim Troll discussed the Land Trust's activities.

D. Washington D.C. activities: Glenn discussed recent meetings in Washington, D.C. with Alaska Delegation staff, Senate and Appropriations committee staff, and John Katz. The visit included ANL and BBNC.

E. Media Outreach: Several articles in newspapers and magazines have been published in the past year.

F. Fund Raising Activities: BBNC presented The Conservation Fund with a \$75,000 check to leverage other money to acquire Native allotments throughout Bristol Bay. Fund raising status through work with outdoor retailers and manufacturers was discussed. Companies like BBNC, Orvis, Woolrich, and Gander Mountain have donated. A series of fund raising dinner events in Lower 48 metropolitan areas has continued. Recent events have been held in Detroit, Indianapolis, Dallas, Houston, and Kerrville, Texas. Events are scheduled for Anchorage, Greenville, S.C., Detroit and Napa later this year.

G. Website: statistics on website use were provided.

H. Actions of Shell Oil were discussed and contacts provided.

VI. Agulowak River Project: The Board was updated on progress. Agreement has been reached with BBNC and ANL on the terms of a conservation agreement. An appraisal has been completed on 20,783 acres of ANL lands within the Wood-Tikchik State Park. The appraisal has been reviewed and approved as being in compliance with UASFLA. The appraisal includes the subsurface.

Approximately \$6.4 million is currently available for the deal which will ultimately cost \$9.35 million plus costs.

The need for letters of support was discussed. Glenn will produce drafts and circulate to members.

VII. Nushagak River Watershed Planning: Tim Troll discussed the ongoing planning effort, which is largely supported by the Moore Foundation.

VIII. Other Business: Glenn discussed the National Fish Habitat Initiative and its potential benefit to the work of SWACC.

IX. Next meeting: At the call of the Chair

X. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.