



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-3

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SUSITNA-WATANA DAM PROJECT

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, government agencies and others have studied the potential for hydroelectric power from the Susitna River;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska submitted an application to the federal government in 1983 for a Susitna Dam Project, and in 1986 withdrew that application due to public concerns over fisheries impacts and financial issues, among other concerns;

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Alaska Legislature authorized the Alaska Energy Authority to reevaluate the project, and in 2010, it established state policy to obtain 50% of its electrical power from renewable and alternative sources by 2025;

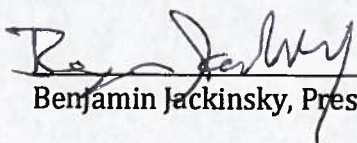
WHEREAS, the Susitna River is the largest river system in the Cook Inlet basin, and it supports important populations of wild Alaska salmon that can provide sustainable sport, commercial, subsistence and personal use fisheries if managed correctly;

WHEREAS, although final designs for the proposed Susitna-Watana Dam Project have yet to be released, the scale and purpose of the dam will invariably impact water flow regimes, ice patterns, fish habitat and temperatures that will adversely affect salmon;

WHEREAS, Cook Inletkeeper strongly supports the state goal to obtain 50% of its electrical power from renewable energy, and with the world class renewable resources around the Cook Inlet basin and throughout the state, it believes such goal can be attained without the Susitna-Watana Dam's impacts to salmon.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COOK INLETKEEPER DOES HEREBY RESOLVE TO OPPOSE ANY SUSITNA-WATANA DAM PROJECT THAT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERS FLOW REGIMES, ICE PATTERNS, FISH HABITAT AND TEMPERATURES THAT SUPPORT WILD ALASKA SALMON.

HAVING BEEN DULY CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011.


Benjamin Jackinsky, President

3-24-12
Date