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Youth Council Members L to R: President Phillip Henry, Vice President Mia Piscoya, Treasurer Skyler Henry, Secretary Sara James, Assistant Secretary, Jack James, and, Youth Seat (under the age of 8), Tristan Hudson.

Annual Meeting Held in Solomon

Solomon's annual meeting was held in Solomon this year immediately following the closing of the annual Francis Wright Youth and Elders camp. At the start of the meeting, the Youth Council was introduced to the tribe.

Reports from the President, Tribal Coordinator and Environmental Coordinator was provided and concerns from tribal membership were noted.

Results of 2019 Tribal Council elections:

- Deilah Johnson Seat E
- Tim Stettinger Seat F, elder representative
- Joshua Aycock Seat G, youth representative

All seats are for three year terms.

It was decided to have the annual meeting next year in Solomon immediately after the annual youth and elders camp.

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2019 Annual Report by President Kirsten Timbers (presented during 2019 annual meeting)

2018-2019 At A Glance

The Village of Solomon has concluded another very exciting year! We have for the ninth year in a row held our tribal youth spirit camp in Solomon with the help of our camp coordinators Deilah Johnson and Jennifer Curran. We have multiple revenue streams coming in and are able to expand services as a result (BSRHA mini grant, NSHC Tribal Mini Grant, IGAP, B&B Revenue, S&T Funds). This past year the council made the B&B operations a focus this year and met with Mike Walsh from the Foraker Group last August to develop our business plan going forward. We have since had another planning meeting and are in the final stages of approving our B&B business plan.

Our VOS staff has remained the same as last year with:

Liz Johnson, Tribal Coordinator
 Deilah Johnson, IGAP Coordinator/Grantwriter
 Amy Johnson, Office Assistant
 Derek Johnson, IGAP Field Worker (summer only)

Liz Johnson has focused her efforts this year on ICWA matters.

Tribal Office Elections

Tribal elections were held with one open seat. Seat “E”, “F”, “G” which all do not have the requirement of residency so was open for all tribal members. There was one candidate vying for the seat “E” and seat “F” and seat “G” was uncontended with no one running. The election results are as follows:

Seat E: Deilah Johnson
 Seat F: Tim Stettinger
 Seat G: Joshua Aycock

Membership Benefits Promoting Family, Cultural & Social Wellness

VOS Tribal Council continues to promote more Family, Cultural, Recreational, and Social Wellness Choices by purchasing recreational passes at the Nome Swimming Pool and Nome Recreation Center to allow for our tribal membership to take part in health and wellness as a family unit during the long winter months. We are also supporting our local hunters and gatherers in sharing traditional foods such as fish and game with others within our tribal membership. Through our hunter support agreement, the program will allow for support funds to purchase gas and other supplies up to \$250 (excluding ammo) to hunt/gather for our tribal membership and their families who cannot harvest traditional foods on their own. Additionally, VOS is providing back to school supplies by reimbursement up to \$100/child enrolled in school. The items purchased must be included on the back to school list provided by the school in order to be considered for reimbursement. If it is not on the list then a request for review can be made for the Council to make an exception. VOS will be accepting applications until October 31 this year.

VOS Provides Tribal Consultation

The Council (Kirsten Timbers & Cameron Piscoya) has provided testimony during a public comment period for a mining company that has applied for a mining permit for the Bonanza channel. Most recently we submitted another letter opposing this application.

Bed and Breakfast Update

The B&B website was updated by Monica Whitt earlier this year. Reservations continue to be managed by the VOS office. Repairs are being made this year by Marty Ruud and new shades and a washer and dryer will be replaced and installed next week. It will be closed on September 30th for the winter months.

Capacity Building with SNC

A meeting between the Council and the Corporation board is scheduled next month to work together on several of the jointly approved projects from the village priorities which include:

- Create and manage our own transportation program for Solomon (roads, boat harbor & airstrip)
- Improve education and enforcement of land use rights in and around Solomon
- Clean up land and old church site, improve drainage, and add historical markers in and around Solomon.

It is a goal on our village priorities to work with the Solomon Native Corporation for capacity building and creating new projects.

Conclusion

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the VOS. I look forward to the coming year and providing continued service to our members.

Visit our website at www.villageofsolomon.org

The Village of Solomon and is now on the web.

The website is just another way of reaching out to our tribal membership both near and far. Forms and information along with photos of our activities and newsletters of the recent past is posted for viewing.

For current activities and photos, we are also on Facebook as "Village of Solomon". This page is normally managed by our camp coordinators during the youth camp but not last summer as the internet was out of order that week. It was repaired shortly after our annual meeting.

Solomon's Schedule for 2020

February 7	Monthly Council Meeting
April 11	LEDP planning/Anchorage
April 18	Monthly Council Meeting
May 16	Monthly Council Meeting
June 20	Monthly Council Meeting
July 31	LEDP Planning/Nome
July 31	Annual Tribal Elections
August 1	LEDP Planning/Solomon
August 3-8	Francis Wright Youth & Elders Camp
August 8	Annual Meeting, Solomon
August 20	Monthly Council Meeting
September 18	Monthly Council Meeting
October 15	Monthly Council Meeting
November 19	Monthly Council Meeting
December 5	Anchorage based Tribal Gathering

Join the Council for dinner and participate in the scheduled Council meetings. Monthly Council meetings start at 5:30 PM at the VOS office.

Contact the office at 443-4985 or send an email to liz@villageofsolomon.org for more information and an agenda, a teleconference number and password for you to call to attend telephonically.

2016-2020 Village of Solomon (VOS) Local Economic Development Plan (LEDP) Summary

Solomon Community Vision

“To increase cultural awareness and promote the well being of our tribal members while protecting our environment”.

Solomon Community Mission

By 2020 Solomon will:

Have the VOS & SNC working together for capacity building and creating new projects.

Enhance the local economy while staying true to subsistence traditions.

Empower ourselves and each other as a community to enhance and strengthen our social and economic future.

Strive for unity.

Engage and empower our youth to be leaders.

Utilize our elders and youth to revitalize our culture and traditional values.

Solomon Community Development Goals for 2016-2020

*Develop Solomon into a viable community.
Maintain and increase tribal self-sufficiency.
Assist our tribal members to foster future growth and become leaders.*

Jointly Approved Solomon Development Priorities 2016-2020

1. Obtain a tribal community hall/office in Nome.
2. Fully effective operation of the Solomon Bed & Breakfast (business plan, obtain land, tourism development, gift shop and renewable energy).
3. Expand & improve our ICWA services.
4. Work with other Nome-based tribes to develop culturally related classes and activities for all ages to pass on cultural knowledge and wellness.
5. Improve our education and enforcement of land use rights in and around Solomon.
6. Clean up land and old church site, improve drainage and add historical markers in and around Solomon.
7. Improve access in public schools to learn tribal government, Alaska Native history, math, and science using environment as a tool.
8. Improve our language resources in our dialect (immersion school, educational resources, writing children's books and Solomon history book).
9. Create and manage our own transportation program for Solomon (roads, boat harbor, airstrip).
10. Assess effects on climate change and collaborate for salmon enhancement and testing in Solomon.
11. Advocate for an affordable family-friendly laundry/washeteria/car wash in Nome.
12. Advocate for restorative justice and tribal input into culturally appropriate sentencing of our tribal members.

For a full copy of the 2016-2020 Village of Solomon LEDP can be found online at <http://www.kawerak.org/ledps/solomon.pdf>

The Tribe & Solomon Native Corporation Meet Jointly to Discuss Shared Goals

The Village of Solomon (Tribe) hosted a meeting with the Solomon Native Corporation (Corporation) in late September of last year to discuss a variety of concerns both entities share. Both have made a concerted effort to work together to accomplish shared goals and brainstorm on tackling issues like trespassing. Though the Tribe are not landowners, the Corporation feels strongly working collaboratively with the Tribe on one particular issue which is trespassing. A mining company called IPOP has proposed gold mining in the Bonanza Channel and has submitted multiple applications for permits from both federal and state agencies. The Corp of Engineers seeks input from the tribal entities affected, which in this case means the Village of Solomon.

Other topics of discussion was establishing a plan for conservation and use of the Solomon Cemetery. The current cemetery is located on Corporation land which is near the eroding bank which is a concern to both the Tribe and Corporation. To move the Cemetery inland would impress on land preserved by the State of Alaska's Municipal Land Trust (MLT). To start this process, the MLT staff will prepare a lease and resolution to consider, and, then public notice is posted for 30 days before receiving final approval from MLT.

Kirstine Harper from USDA presented information on creating a conservation district in Solomon. Tribal Conservation Districts (TCD) combine local and traditional knowledge with technical resources to actively manage natural resources in a defined area. The goal is to set local priorities for conservation and ensure sustainable use of natural resources for subsistence, economic opportunity, resource development and cultural preservation. Both entities will need to sign a resolution forming a TCD separately and both will draft and sign a mutual agreement with the USDA. Once that is completed, it will be sent to Washington, DC for review. Both the Tribe and the Corporation have approved to start this process and an update will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

Village of Solomon's development coordinator Deilah Johnson discussed tribal tourism and VOS's alternative and renewable energy options, including an update of the MET tower that was installed in Solomon last year. Plans are to continue collecting at

for another year before it is taken down.

Carol Piscocya from Kawerak was present for discussion of Solomon's Long Range Transportation plan, which Kawerak currently manages on behalf of Solomon. Both the Tribe and Corporation agree that they want to be more involved by having more dialogue and having a more hands on approach with its transportation plan already in place. The concerns that were mentioned to Ms. Piscocya is the docking area at the Bonanza bridge and the abandoned airstrip in Solomon. The State of Alaska's DOT does not have plans to re-establish an airport in Solomon due to no community presence and lack of funds so it would be the community's responsibility to fund and maintain it.

Tony Weyiouanna from Kawerak also provided a presentation on the Carbon Credits program. The Tribe will be working with Kawerak to determine if the Solomon area is a feasible area to implement a carbon credits program.

Both governing boards have committed to meeting two times/year.

Promoting Healthy Family, Cultural and Social Wellness Amongst Solomon's Tribal Membership

Our tribal wellness fund covers family preservation and culturally relevant activities such as rec center passes or gym passes of choice, swimming passes and lessons, summer camp fees, CAMP related activities like summercize, martial arts and sports fees and supplies, cultural related courses such as Inupiat by the NWC/UAF system. This also covers our back to school supplies and hunter and subsistence support by reimbursement programs.

The tribal wellness grant is a \$15 K grant from Norton Sound Health Corporation and is managed and spent between the months of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Environmental Coordinator Goes to Washington, DC to Talk Energy

As an Executive Team member on the Bering Strait Regional Energy Leadership Committee, I was invited under Kawerak's DOE grant to attend the National Tribal Energy Summit in DC from September 23-28, 2019 which was primarily hosted by DOE's Tribal Energy Program. The Summit was hosted from the 24th-26th however, we requested multiple meetings in DC for the 27th and left the morning after.



For the first 3 days in DC, Amanda Toerdal and I attended the National Tribal Energy Summit where we were able to network and learn about multiple different energy projects throughout the Nation which had included 4 different projects throughout the state of Alaska. It was very inspiring to see and learn about the process in which they experienced in moving toward conserving energy and implementing renewable energy in their communities. It was such a great opportunity to meet face to face with the Department of Energy's key leaders as well as the United States Department of Agriculture's loan and grant program officers during the Summit. We had several high profile presenters that spoke in general session to inspire the attendees. There was a special morning breakfast to celebrate Women in Energy, which is the photo attached here.



Thursday afternoon and most of Friday were spent having private meetings with USDA's Rural Development Director advocating for more grant opportunities for our region and specifically for Solomon. I received great feedback from the 3 employees in USDA's Rural Development grant programs. We also got to meet with Senator Murkowski's staffers to advocate for DOE to lower the 50% grant match in funding for the renewable energy implementation grant which has been recently announced. As Murkowski is Chair for the Energy Committee, we also invited her to the upcoming Energy Summit in May 2020.

After that meeting, we headed to Senator Sullivan's office. This was such a delight. He has a huge wall map of Alaska and pins for visitors in his DC office to pin their community. I was the first pin for Solomon. I made sure he would remember that. I told Senator Sullivan that I needed his help to rebuild our city of Solomon. I asked him to advocate for more funding opportunities for disadvantaged communities such as ours, to which he replied, 'I like the aggressive advocacy and your energy' to which I said, 'You mean my lack of energy?'



In summary, I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to network and meet such key people that can make all the difference for our tribe. At least now, when they see our grant applications, they will remember who we are and when I spoke, I spoke for the entire community. I am very proud of Solomon and I know it showed in Washington DC.

Written by Deilah Johnson.

Proposed Changes to Solomon Constitution Coming

Revisions to the Village of Solomon's Constitution are being considered this year. If approved, these changes will allow for the following:

1. Provide flexibility in the #of council meetings per year. It currently states that the council will meet once per month. The Council already set the activities for the year, including scheduling Tribal Council meetings and should have the flexibility to schedule meetings as necessary to carry out the business of the Tribe in the most effective and budget friendly manner.
2. Provide flexibility in the Tribal Council to establish committees ie ICWA committee, and, Youth Council, if they so wished to do so.
3. Provide flexibility for Tribal Council to establish any type of advisory committee, if they so wished to do so.

For questions or concerns, please contact Liz Johnson at 443-4985 or send an email to liz@villageofsolomon.org. More information will be provided to all tribal members as required by our Constitution as well as an opportunity for public comments.

Village of Solomon Selected for Tribal Court Assessment in 2020

The Village of Solomon applied for and received confirmation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services that the tribe was selected to receive a tribal court assessment next year in 2020. The tribal court is intended to evaluate tribal needs and provide tribes with recommendations for improving their operational activities, if needed. The tribal court process follows the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS), which have been modified to meet the specific needs of tribal courts. The tribal court assessment highlights the specific needs of each tribal court. The Division of Tribal Justice Support (TJS) can then provide specific training and technical assistance based on the needs articulated within the tribal court assessment. The assessment is a guided tribal court assessment focused on key court functions: collaborative, driven by the tribe's stated needs, and, an overview of the whole court. It also allows for tribal court training and technical assistance. TJS further provides tribes with a final report that identifies a Strategic Action Plan with specific steps and recommendations on ways to strengthen the tribe's judicial system. In the end, the assessment will be a tool that enables the tribe to address the needs of the tribal court as a whole. The benefits of a tribal court self—assessment include possible one time funding for services such as a court management system, alcohol monitoring, mental health assessments, court equipment (e.g. date stamps, computers, printers, cameras, court recording systems), training for tribal court staff and consultation services to work with the tribe and court on specific projects (e.g. code development, court clerk manual, bench book, rules of procedures, training initiatives).



Pictured above is Tribal Coordinator Liz Johnson with Melissa Lee, BIA tribal justice center staff member.

Local Economic Development Plan Update in 2020

SAVE THE DATES

Plans are being made for the 5 year updating of the LEDP. The tribe will host a one day session in Anchorage and a one day session in Nome or Solomon. This is your opportunity to assist the Tribal Council in developing its goals for the next five years. It is also time to celebrate what we've accomplished in the last five years! Lunch will be provided at both sessions.

Strategic Planning Session I
Nome, Location to be Determined

March 28, 2020
9-4 PM

Strategic Planning Session II
Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Anchorage, AK.

April 11, 2020
9-4 PM



2019 Annual Meeting in Solomon

Hunter & Subsistence Support Available

Through the Village of Solomon's hunter/subsistence support agreement below, the program allows for support funds to enable tribally enrolled members to purchase gas, oil, or other relevant hunting supplies as needed (excluding ammo) to hunt/subsist for our tribal elders, membership and families who are not able to harvest traditional foods on their own.

Guidelines:

1. Must be enrolled tribal citizen of the Village of Solomon and submit one application/household;
2. Submit copy of applicable license required by State of Alaska, if one is mandated or required (hunting, fishing, etc);
3. Must submit completed and signed application below, including total dollar amount of request.

Applicants who meet the above guidelines will be allowed reimbursement of \$250 for gas and motor oil, or other relevant hunting supplies as needed (excluding ammo) per household per calendar year which is also be based on funding availability as set by the Council. Receipts must be attached to application/agreement in name of applicant.

These guidelines are based on trust in the hunter to share his/her subsistence catch with tribal elders and families who are not able to harvest traditional foods on their own.

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR HUNTER SUPPORT

First & Last Name: _____ Tribal Enrollment # _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email _____

Amount of reimbursement requesting: \$\$ _____

Please include a photo of successful hunt by providing a VOS Tribal Elder/Family Sharing Catch with.

By signing below, I agree to share my subsistence catch with a Village of Solomon tribally enrolled citizen(s) who is not able to subsist and put away traditional foods for the winter.

I understand that if this application is approved, my check will be issued during normal every other Friday check issuance and then mailed to the address provided above. No hand deliveries, no exceptions.

Requested by: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed and approved by the Tribal Council on 2/7/2019 and updated 1/15/2020

Village of Solomon (VOS) Tribal Coordinator Update (presented during 2019 annual meeting)

TO: Village of Solomon Tribal Membership
FR: Elizabeth Johnson, Tribal Coordinator
DT: August 10, 2019
RE: Annual Tribal Coordinator Report

The VOS tribal council continues to reach out to its tribal membership through the biannual newsletter so it is important to inform the tribe when mailing addresses change. We also reach out through emails for those that provide email addresses. The tribe also has a website now with all of our information including a place to email the tribe to provide an updated address. You can also access our subsistence support forms and back to school supplies by reimbursement form, etc. Our newsletters and LEDP are published there and educational documents that have been created by IGAP. This does not replace anything that tribal members already receive through emails and USPS. This is just another avenue of communication between our Council and our tribal membership. The website can be found at www.villageofsolomon.org.

The VOS office continues to issue tribal ID cards. The tribal membership card can be used as a form of ID as requested by tribal members. Next year Kawerak is providing a more comprehensive version of our tribal enrollment software that should be able to meet the Real ID Act requirements.

Amy Johnson is the office assistant at VOS. Her primary duties are to assist with projects from the LEDP, IGAP, the BnB reservations and water sampling with Derek Johnson.

The Anchorage based tribal membership meeting is scheduled on November 18th this year coinciding with the annual ATCEM conference in Anchorage. A notice and reminder will be emailed/mailed to the membership. This will be a short evening meeting to provide the Anchorage based membership for a meet and greet and hear reports from the staff available, and receive reports much the same as during the annual meeting.

Our tribal Council meets the third Thursday every month. A teleconference line is available for tribal members to participate. Contact the office for an agenda and number and password. Dates of meetings are also posted on the website.

VOS prints our newsletter biannually. Photos and announcements are always welcome.

Lastly, like every year, VOS is interested in hiring a carpenter, laborer, bnb coordinator, housekeeper, and two camp coordinators in the summer. These jobs are temporary only during the summer months. If you are interested in working for VOS, please contact the office at 443-4985 or send an email to liz@villageofsolomon.org.



Photo taken on November 24, 2019. Locals fishing below Bonanza bridge on a beautiful day in Solomon.

Welcome New Tribal Members



Born Nov 16, 2019

Kenna Ainsley 5 lbs 10 oz at 3:46 pm. In the pink bow

Adeline Spencer 5 lbs 12 oz at 3:45 pm in the teal bow.

Parents: Briana and Cameron Piscoya ;
Siblings: Sophia(6), Ethan(5), and Fitz(3);
and, Grandparents: Annette and Kooper Piscoya of Nome and Joel and Monica Rose of Nome.

News and Noteworthy

Kirsten Timbers accepted her new role as Vice President of Community Health Services at Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). Prior to this, she was the Chief Human Resources Director for the past two years.

NSHC President & CEO Angie Gorn said it was “her experience working with village communities through her leadership roles as Board representative for Kawerak and Bering Strait Regional Housing Authority in addition to her HR background makes it an easy transition for the administrative team at NSHC”.

Deilah Johnson received her occupational endorsement on sustainable energy from University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The Occupational Endorsement in Sustainable Energy provides students with a broad-based educational foundation based on the two pillars of sustainable energy: energy efficiency and renewable energy. The program is structured as 6 credits of foundation knowledge and a minimum of 6 credits of electives that allow students to specialize in specific areas of sustainable energy. This degree program prepares students for entry-level employment and can serve as a stepping-stone towards further degrees in science and engineering.

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Francis Wright Annual Youth & Elders Camp

By Deilah Johnson

The Annual Francis Wright Youth & Elder Camp was hosted at the Solomon Community Center August 5-10, 2019. The Camp Coordinator's were Jennifer Curran and Deilah Johnson with help from Helen Bohn and Amy Johnson.

The theme of camp was, Youth Leadership. The youth prepared to run for the Village of Solomon's first ever, Youth Council by running their own campaigns, giving a speech to run or in support of a candidate, voting on official ballots and having their first meeting as a youth council in which their first approval was to decide as a council on how to distribute their 9 pans of blueberry delight the following day of the Annual Meeting. Their decision was to host a cake walk which was a big hit and hand out all of their blueberry delight desserts they made the day prior.

The first day of camp is to get settled in at the B&B, go over the expectations, the agenda, room assignments and the theme which was presented by Council member, Annette Piscoya to discuss what it's like to be on a Tribal Council.

Second day of camp consisted of writing a letter of intent on running for the youth council, more discussion about the responsibilities of being a council member, followed by a trip to the beach to collect beach items for an art project and some of our brave youth went swimming in the ocean. We had Inupiaq language class with Ms. Keller, renewable energy education with Environmental Coordinator and berry picking in the afternoon.

Wednesday was getting into the swing of things with fishing, berry picking, playing outside together and listening to, running for and supporting our youth council candidates. Had our last day of Inupiaq class with Ms. Keller. Brian James, Annette Piscoya and Kirsten Timbers contributed eskimo food for Wednesday night dinner with eskimo donuts.

On Thursday, we had an afternoon guest from KNOM visit to learn more about the Village of Solomon which included a few recorded interviews of some of the youth camp attendees as well as a camp coordinator. Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game educator had come out to teach the youth about Alaska wildlife. Fishing, berry picking and voting for the youth council election. After dinner, some of the boys wanted to drive up river to go fishing and unfortunately a youth was hooked on his upper knee tendon and had to be driven to the Emergency Room in Nome to which he was only worried about saving the fishing hook, "I know how expensive these are, can we take it back to camp?" needless to say, he was a trooper. There were two bears that hung around the Community Center for a couple days, this caused the youth to stay close and indoors more than they would have liked.

Friday consisted of baking the blueberry delight desserts in prep for the Annual meeting to be hosted the following day for the last day of youth camp. There was some environmental education and a small walk toward the meteorological tower with the environmental coordinator to discuss the future energy of Solomon and what exactly the MET tower does. The youth council had their first meeting. We were finally able to utilize our two rafts we got for youth camp due to the weather finally clearing up a bit. Deilah and Helen took out both rafts with some of the older kids.

The last day of camp was also the VOS Annual meeting. The youth camp attendees were able to share their ideas to the youth council to which the youth council had a small and brief presentation for the annual meeting. They hosted their cake walk for the annual meeting attendees. Camp Coordinator announced the youth camp awards and handed out the smoked fish the youth made.



Tribe Objects to Mining in the Bonanza Channel

RESOLUTION 2019-04

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING IPOP, LLC'S MINING APPLICATION ("POA-201800123, APMA 2875") FOR A FULL SCALE DREDGE MINING AND EXPLORATION PROGRAM IN SOLOMON ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Alaska Native tribe with inherent sovereignty and governance authority;

WHEREAS, it is critical for the Tribe to maintain its subsistence way of life--an important component to our Tribe's success, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is committed to conserving its traditional hunting and fishing based on indigenous knowledge systems and scientific principals in perpetuity which are vital to our nutritional and spiritual wellness, and

WHEREAS, the Solomon Traditional Council (the "Council"), a seven (7) duly-elected tribal governing body for the citizens of the Tribe, assert our inherent right and authority to continue our subsistence way of life as our ancestors did for thousands of generations before us, and

WHEREAS, the federal and state government agencies have trust fiduciary duties to protect and preserve our way of life and promote tribal self-governance and self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Alaska Subsistence regulations states that subsistence use is first priority above all else including commercial and sport; and, clearly all aspects of mining the Solomon area both in river and offshore will threaten our traditional and cultural activities of all seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Hunter Harassment Law states to intentionally obstruct or hinder another person's lawful hunting, fishing, trapping or viewing of fish and game is against Alaska Statute 16.05.790. And, illegal activities include positioning one's self in a location where human presence may alter the behavior of fish or game another person is pursuing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribe strongly opposes the development and operation of a full-scale dredge mining and exploration program in the Bonanza Channel located in Solomon, Alaska due to the threat of destruction it will pose to our subsistence way of life and spiritual well-ness as a whole. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal Government US Army Corps of Engineers and State of Alaska's permitting agencies deny, reject and refuse IPOP's mining permit application for full scale dredge mining activity, limited survey and exploratory work on IPOP's state mining claims as described in POA -2018-00123, APMA 2875, including amendments 1, 2, & 3 and any future amendments that may be requested.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous consent at a duly convened meeting of the Solomon Traditional Council on this 11th day of September, 2019.

Kirsten Timbers, President

Elizabeth Curran Johnson, Secretary

PRINTED TEXT ONLY OF RESOLUTION.

Late last year the Village of Solomon’s Tribal Council (Council) took a firm stand against a mining project being proposed in the Safety Sound/Bonanza Channel. At its October 2019 monthly tribal council meeting, the Council passed a resolution opposing IPOP, LLC’s mining application (“APMA2875”) for a full scale mining and exploration program in Solomon, Alaska.

For over a year now, both the tribe, the Village of Solomon (VOS) and the Solomon Native Corporation (SNC) have been following this proposed project since IPOP, LLC, applied for state and federal mining and exploration permits. Tribal President & Vice President Kirsten Timbers and Cameron Piscoya have provided testimony opposing the project pressing the importance of subsistence and have also attended informational meetings hosted by Kawerak, Inc. There are multiple local agencies that have expressed concern of the potential impacts to the environment both on land and water. Tribal Coordinator Liz Johnson, who also serves as SNC’s President, recently met with IPOP’s representatives to discuss this project and confirm that IPOP has no plans nor any reason to enter onto Solomon Native Corporation’s land without the proper authority.

IPOP, LLC wants to mine their 32 state mining claims in and around the Bonanza Channel over the next five years starting this summer. IPOP is one of at least three others that have claims all along the Bonanza lagoon with 7 of IPOP’s claims located more towards the mouth of the Bonanza Channel. IPOP has already received permission from the State of Alaska’s Department of Transportation (DOT) to access these

claims by route of the Right of Way (ROW) on the Nome Council highway, route pictured below.

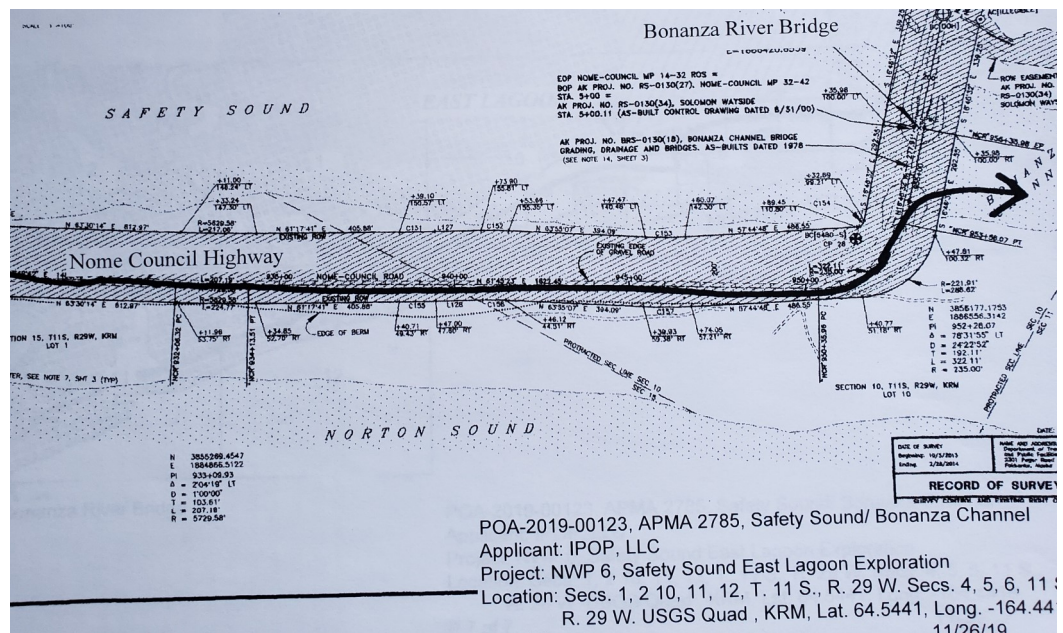
Most recently, IPOP submitted Amendment #4 to APMA #2875 to use newly acquired equipment to conduct winter coring activities using the southwest side of the Bonanza Bridge on the ROW. Once IPOP completes its exploratory drilling efforts and moves forward with actual mining, and, provided that permits are approved by both federal and state, then they will have a base camp of an office and living quarters using four (4) RV type trailers, located at mile 28 of the Nome Council highway either on State land or private Native allotments, according to IPOP’s base operations plan.

Both the Tribe and the Corporation have opposed this project to both State and Federal permitting agencies when public comments are called upon. The Tribe and Corporation will continue to work collaboratively and monitor this project as IPOP applies for permits.

An educational forum is being planned to address concerns that tribal members and Corporation shareholders may have with mining in the Solomon area. The state and federal permitting process, 7b easements, and DOT ROWs are among the proposed topics to be discussed.

Tribal members interested in attending this meeting can send an email to liz@villageofsolomon.org so that you will receive a confirmation of date and time as it is yet to be determined at the time of this writing.

Map is from the APMA application 2875, a copy can be obtained from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by phone at 907 269-8647 or by email at dnr.anc.mining@alaska.gov, or by mail to 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900B, Anchorage, AK 99501.





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Nome, Alaska 99762



SAVE THE DATE!

MISSING
MURDERED
INDIGENOUS
WOMEN
GIRLS



COME WALK WITH US TO RAISE
AWARENESS AND SUPPORT ALL
MMIWG EFFORTS NATIONALLY &
LOCALLY.

MAY 4TH, 2020
MEET AT OLD ST. JOE'S
NOME, AK @ 4 PM,
LET'S MAKE IT BIGGER THAN
LAST YEAR

Missing & Murdered
Indigenous
Woman & Girls Walk

Please join us in Nome
on May 4, 2020 for our
2nd Annual MMIWG
walk to honor the
MMIWG