

Sand Point Community Scoping meeting
April 26, 2010
~15 people attended

Gary Hennigh – after power point presentation – he stated that the King Cove people do not see the proposed road as a primary means of health and safety – the road would be a matter of allowing the King Cove people a better quality of life.

Dick Jacobsen – Wondered how we got off the plane onto the island. They chased the FWS off the island and were told not to return. Surprised someone did not shoot us. The road is an important issue. I have family and friends that have died leaving King Cove. I believe that the timetable is too long – this process was started long ago. Why is it taking so long? In Minnesota, the federal government was able to transfer funds quickly to build a road. Frustrated to see that the project keeps getting put back. Aleuts have lived longer in the area than what is depicted on the slide. The community deserves the road. Not just King Cove folks will use the road – could be used for injuries on the water. Road could have snow problem but would be easier to take care of. Go forward quickly as possible.

Bob Barnett – He spoke in Anchorage and wants to submit those same comments again. The time table is too long – why is it so long? Does not want a barrier on the road – how will caribou see the barrier?

Stanley Mack – Worked on King Cove access project. Road will proved a better means for the people of King Cove. Millions of dollars into a runway at King Cove but cannot get it to work. Very important to get the road through. Not as pristine as people say it is. WWII affected the area as well as trapping and hunting. The lands going to the USFWS are pristine. Mortensen's Lagoon – Deputy Director identified this area. I would like to see the project expedited. Caribou will parallel the area with the proposed road. Migratory birds are only there for a short period of time. Black brant in Kinzarof lagoon are not there.

Dick Jacobsen – added that the economy is having a hard time and the schools are having a hard time keeping kids. Kids like having access to airport for sports events and it would allow them a better education.

Paul Gronholdt – Road is important – if WWII would have lasted one more year, the road would have been built. King Cove has given up a lot – I would not be happy if I was a shareholder. Hovercraft bad solution to the problem. Plan B – use of local government to state imminent domain over the federal land. He hopes the Secretary of Interior makes a good decision and allows the road.

Glen Gardner, Jr. Make this happen, why it is taking so long. One hell of a deal for the feds and is a waste of money on the EIS.

Melvin Larsen – I am here to show support for my family and friends in King Cove. Road is needed to get people out and I support the road going through. I want it to be a safe road and I want it to be used by all – kids need the road as well as the sick and hurt. Does not want to say anything that will conflict with King Cove.

Marilyn Larsen – I go over to King Cove twice a year. It is hard economically to change your reservation once it is made. Not just medical concerns but also economical concerns.

George Gundersen – I have family in King Cove and have lived in King Cove. The community should have access to a road. Not just for medical reasons. 50 years ago, the road would have gone through. Now we have Green Peace and other environmental organizations that restrict progress.

Arlene Gundersen – There are two federally recognized tribes in King Cove – Agdaagux and Belkofski. The Aleut people have used the area for 6,000 years. The airport at King Cove is not good – and I support the road.

Peter Divine, Jr. AMBCC representative. The AMBCC was asked to pass the MOU – they did not vote on the MOU. The land exchange is lopsided – too much land to the federal government. There may be a problem with the barrier. I support the road.

Gary Hennigh – Background as to why AMBCC was included in the legislation. Due to the AYK and black brant – it was stated by a member of the AYK that the road would affect the black brant used by the local people in the AYK. Need to determine the science behind this statement.