

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 05/18/2009
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2475

**A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the City of
Angoon's Energy Initiative and the Thayer Creek
Hydroelectric Project.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly supports the development of hydroelectric infrastructure in Southeast Alaska in order to facilitate the economic well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, Angoon, through the Angoon Community Association, the City of Angoon and Kootznoowoo, Inc., has been striving for energy independence, improved economic development, and improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Angoon has been promoting the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, in March 2009 the United States Forest Service issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project proposal, and issuance of the Record of Decision is now pending; and

WHEREAS, the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project is "shovel-ready" and should qualify for federal stimulus funds and other public funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the United States Forest Service to finalize and issue the Record of Decision on the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project as soon as possible so that the Project, which will promote economic development, provide jobs, and improve the quality of life in this region, may move forward.

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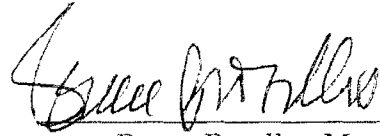
Section 2. That the Assembly urges the United States Forest Service to authorize and permit the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric Project proposal submitted by Kootznoowoo, Inc., which provides for an overland transmission route and the necessary roads and staging areas to construct and operate the project in the manner envisioned by the leaders of Angoon for over 25 years.

Section 3. That the Assembly urges the United States Forest Service to work in partnership with Angoon, other Southeast Alaska communities, the State of Alaska, and other United States Government agencies in developing a Southeast Alaska hydroelectric energy intertie system with appropriate corridors and linkage to the British Columbia Hydroelectric and the Bonneville Power Grid.

Section 4. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the United States Forest Service, the Honorable Governor Sarah Palin, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, and the Alaska State Legislature.

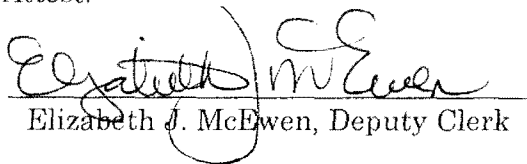
Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2009.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk