

ATTACHMENT #1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

Serial No. 2010-01

A Resolution Clarifying the Membership, Function and Responsibilities of the JNU Wildlife Hazards Working Group (“WHWG”) and Distinguishing it from the JNU Wildlife Hazard Advisory Group

WHEREAS, the JNU Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision (July 2007) (“ROD”) summarized from the JNU Final Environmental Impact Statement (April 2007) (“FEIS”) certain elements to be incorporated into JNU’s Wildlife Management Plan (“WHMP”), including the “[e]stablishment of a wildlife hazards working group to facilitate communication, cooperation and coordination between the Airport authority, tenants and the community at large.” And

WHEREAS, the FEIS specifically recommended the establishment of a “Wildlife Hazards Working Group” (“WHWG”) made up of applicable Airport staff, tenants, representatives from the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge (“Refuge”), USDA and other agencies, such as USFWS, and community members with particular expertise (i.e., representing Audubon or MCAG) and recreational users of the Dike Trail, and further provided that the City and Borough Airport Board or Assembly be responsible for designating a WHWG, its membership, function and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the FEIS further provided that “[t]he WHWG would not have jurisdictional authority concerning recommended changes in the hazard control program or other developments on the Airport; these decisions appropriately rest with the Wildlife Hazard Control Officer, Airport Manager, Airport Board and FAA, as well as regulatory agencies. However, the WHWG would provide meaningful comment that should result in better and more informed decisions by these authorities.”

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2007, the FAA approved the JNU Wildlife Hazards Management Plan (“WHMP”) required by CFR Part 139.337(e), which plan provided that a “Wildlife Hazard Advisory Group (WHAG) consisting of JNU personnel (Airport Manager, Wildlife Coordinator and Airport Planner), and federal agency personnel (Wildlife Damage Biologist, USDA-Wildlife Services and Certification and Safety Inspector, FAA) would provide oversight and make suggestions for improving the WHMP; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2007, the Airport Board (“Board”) adopted a “Draft Proposal for Creation of a Wildlife Hazards Working Group” to implement the ROD requirement, which draft proposal included the proposed function, responsibility, membership and appointment mechanism for a WHWG; and,

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007, the Airport Board Chair appointed six individuals to serve on the WHWG; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formally establish, modify and clarify the rules and procedures governing the WHWG, and to distinguish it from the WHAG;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOARD:

Section 1. Wildlife Hazards Working Group Establishment Affirmed. There is established a working group of 6 persons, which shall be known as the Wildlife Hazards Working Group (“Group” or “WHWG”).

- (a) The Airport Board shall appoint one of its members to serve as the Chair and as a nonvoting member of the Group. To the extent practicable, the Airport Board shall appoint the remaining members as follows. One shall be a representative of the Mendenhall Wetlands State Refuge Citizen’s Advisory Board, one shall be a pilot or airport tenant, and three shall have Juneau-based experience in such areas as wetland ecology, fisheries biology, waterfowl research and management, eagle studies or similar experience skills. Members shall be appointed to the Group for three year terms.

Appointed by the Board on December 12, 2007, the initial and hereby affirmed current members of the WHWG are:

Steve Zimmerman, Chair and non-voting member
Jack Hodges, waterfowl research, management and airplane expertise
Bob Armstrong, fisheries biology and bird distribution expertise
Richard Carstensen, wetland ecology and bird distribution expertise
Laurie Craig, (MCAG Representative) dike walker and member of public
Eric Eriksen, Pilot and airport tenant

- (b) The presence of four members of the Group shall be required for a quorum.
- (c) A candidate chosen to fill a vacancy other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she is to succeed. Members of the Group shall be eligible for reappointment.

Section 2. Group Purpose and Duration. The primary purpose of the WHWG is to promote aviation safety and the safety of the traveling public. The Wildlife Hazards Working Group will facilitate communications, cooperation, and coordination between the Airport authority, the tenants, and the community at large and shall exist until the WHWG is dissolved by the Airport Board. The WHWG shall have no jurisdictional authority over the WHMP or other developments at the Airport, but shall advise and assist the Airport Board in the following manner:

- (a) Assessing proposed land use modifications or changes and providing diverse and well-informed recommendations to the Airport Board concerning possible wildlife-aviation effects or hazards such modifications or changes may cause.
- (b) Reviewing and commenting on wildlife monitoring reports and summaries of hazing activities.
- (c) Providing other technical, advisory support or assistance, upon request by the Board.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. The Wildlife Hazards Working Group shall meet at least quarterly. The Wildlife Control Officer shall submit a report and summary of wildlife monitoring and hazing activities along with the Officer’s recommendation for changes to those activities.

Section 4. Group Rules and Procedures. The Group’s procedure shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order except where superseded by the Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, as such may be amended from time to time.


Section 5. Distinguished from Wildlife Hazards Advisory Group (“WHAG”). As provided by the JNU Wildlife Hazards Management Plan, the WHAG consists solely of JNU airport and federal agency personnel and does not include members of the public. Each specialized member of the WHAG has specific duties and responsibilities identified in the WHMP. The primary function of the WHAG, as a whole, is to provide oversight and suggestions for improving the WHMP. While overlap in areas of review may occur between the two groups, WHAG is a permanent group vested with certain authority, as provided in the WHMP.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2010.


Jerry Godkin, Chair

Attest:

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