

Izembek EIS public scoping meeting King Cove, AK

April 29, 2010 3-5pm Multi-purpose building ~ 90 attendees

(All written comments attached)

Mayor Henry Mack – read written comments.

Seward Brandell, Sr. Almost lost life here. Need road to CB for medical use.

Shirley Brandell – read written comments.

Della Trumble – read written comments.

Trisha Trumble - read written comments.

Harlen Newman – read written comments.

Bonita Babcock – Part of EMS safety squad. Lived here her whole life. Freely support the road. Grandfather lived to see prayers answered. Critically ill – to get help is serious. Looking at weather. Men with fishing boat willing to transport. Cannot fly at 3am. Cannot access dock. Sit at clinic. Need to move on and need the road. Government helped with hovercraft – not what was needed. Need road.

Chris Babcock – fire chief/EMS squad. Medevac because do not have road. 2 medevacs. 2.5 hours to get to CB already traumatic situation. More turbulence. Road only alternative for life and safety.

Etta Kuzakin – read written comments.

Larry Babcock – 22 yr, resident. Great grandfather did not like how the native people were treated in Montana. Native people were never asked about road when refuge established. They are never asked. They are first citizens. Government can straighten this out – atrocity. Need road.

Brenda Wilson – 30 yrs in King Cove. Grandparents lived here. AEB tribal member. Fly children already in communities. EMS squad – 90 mile hour winds. Video – loaded in sideways to get to CB. 4 hours to get home. Everyone is afraid to fly. Trauma – historical trauma of residents. Affect their behavioral health – she is wellness manager. Loss of family, loss of father. We need road. Tired of crashes.

Ralph Lindquist – Principal of King Cove School. Always tries to do what is best for kids. The road is best for the kids. 50 day instructional loss due to leaving early to make flights. Two regional meets that the kids could not participate – do not have same opportunities as other kids. No access to travel for school activities.

Richard Mack – born and raised in KC. Children here. Road may be ? in snow. Three day waiting period to get to CB. Pain pills. Izembek road a big lie. 1948 – 1952 – 20 boats fished. There will be no damage to the environment – road will not damage eelgrass or bird flight.

Tom Dobson – community government – 81 yrs. 1941 – beginning of CB. Two days trapper cabin. KC WWII – important part of WWII. Went in service. Armed – government came in, had to get these men – discharge papers. A lot of veterans in KC. Got airport here – Reeves. High winds in 40 foot boat – got people to CB – woman dangling from boat. Encourage to get involved. All for land exchange, whatever had to be done.

Warren Wilson – life long resident. KC runway has be H for hazardous. For safety, road to CB only option. Grades airport. Private use airplane. Fly out of KC in small aircraft. Hovercraft – not a good solution. Try to get to CB. Pass this and have President sign it. Wife to Sand Point dangerous flight. Joy rides as well as business. Roads will open up KCC lands. Will have access to these lands as well as airport. CB – charge to tie up to dock, charge for hovercraft. Need safe access, restrictions on road. There should not be any restrictions. Land exchange way off balance.

Steve Weisman – works for Peter Pan but not speaking for Peter Pan. But 100% behind the road.

Priscilla Miller – submitted comments.

Lonnie Brandell – 40 yrs old with 6 daughters. Taken boats to CB – sick man over in medevac in bad weather. For them to go that way to CB – should be able to get in a car to CB. Tied a rope around person and pulled him up the dock. Helped build road – operated equipment. Did not see effect to bear or caribou. All one family – if something happens to one, affects us all. Something will happen, cannot get to CB. Supports road.

Marvin Mack – Sent out to HS – got number was drafted. Air traffic controller CB for 7 yrs. Built KC airport. On Aleut boards, AEB. Has taken people over in boats. Need economic development – need link to CB. Road will help economy with fresh product on road. Peter Pan will use road. Upset that we have to start again. State said yes, so go. Spent a lot of money – money from federal government. All want that road.

Donna Walker – Tribal member. Show support for road – people of KC. Can get medical facilities they needs. Daughter was born here – in clinic. Came early in June. Did not know how to deal with premature baby. She needed neonatal care. Had to get to ANC for care. She still has problems due to lack of immediate neonatal care. Our land.

Joshua Gould – Life long resident of KC. Had a son and changed his world. For his future for his sake. Step son broke his leg on Friday, could not get out of town until Monday. He was in a lot of pain not knowing what is going to happen. Leg healed. Has a right to medical care. Cannot travel out due to weather. Hovercraft did not work out. Plane on Monday but in a lot of pain. Wildlife – given up hunting. No effect on land. Aleut people and Belkofski have been around for 1000 years. Not going to move – need the road. Supports the land exchange but it is unfair.

Dolores Kochuten – written comments.

Amberly Weiss – whole life here. Tribal council. Need road.

Robert Christiansen – Lived here whole life – supports the road for safety.

Christian Christiansen – need road to CB.

Simeon Kuzakin – read written comments.

Dustin Newman – Spent whole life here – with road, have health access to CB. Does not want road – likes animals. Concerned about the road impacts to wildlife and habitat. Also concern about eelgrass. Create a bad name for Aleut people. *Added later* – kind of for road, due to recent plane crash – road would be safer.

Dean Gould – read written comments

Joshua Gould – grandmother does not live in KC anymore due to travel. A lot of history and culture here.

Jackie Brandell – support road to KC. Only safe alternative. Support hovercraft.

Bonita Babcock – 22,000 troops with roads did not disturb the eel grass beds – how can road harm eel grass. We are good stewards of the lands – road to CB will not change this.