

**Resolution 2006-01**  
**Of the Board of Directors**  
**Nushagak-Mulchatna / Wood-Tikchik Land Trust**

**A Resolution Opposing Mineral Development in the  
Headwaters of the Nushagak River**

**WHEREAS:** The mission of the Nushagak-Mulchatna / Wood-Tikchik Land Trust as defined in its by-laws is the preservation and protection of the environment, resources, and the unique culture and character of the Nushagak Bay watersheds in Southwest, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS:** Exploration for gold, copper and other minerals is currently underway in the headwaters of several rivers of the Nushagak Bay watershed, in particular the headwaters of the Koktuli (Qurtuli) River in the area known as the Pebble deposit; and

**WHEREAS:** Mineral development, in particular the extraction of gold and copper is an inherently destructive endeavor that cannot be undertaken in a manner that eliminates all risk to the environment, including the potential for contamination and pollution of critical wild salmon habitat that may remain long after the minerals have been extracted, and

**WHEREAS:** The watersheds of Nushagak Bay provide habitat for one of the largest runs of Pacific salmon on earth. Wild salmon are the foundation of a local subsistence culture that is thousands of years old and has provided a renewable export resource that has been the basis of the local economy for nearly one-hundred twenty-five years.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the Board of Directors of the Nushagak / Mulchatna / Wood - Tikchik Land Trust strongly opposes the development of gold and copper mines in the watersheds of Nushagak Bay and in particular opposes the Pebble project being developed by Northern Dynasty Minerals, Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

The Board of Directors of the Nushagak / Mulchatna - Wood / Tikchik Land Trust urges the State of Alaska and the Federal Government to recognize the importance of the Nushagak Bay watershed to the wild Salmon resources of the world and to prohibit mining activity in the watersheds of Nushagak Bay.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Board of Directors of the Nushagak-Mulchatna / Wood-Tikchik Land Trust this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Ward Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sue Flensburg, Secretary