

RESOLUTION 26-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY AND QUITCLAIM TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE DIVISION OF REALTY LAND SITUATED IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS RECORDING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough has been working on the King Cove Access Project for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, the United States Department of Interior completed a preliminary title of opinion for acquisition through a land exchange of the surface estate owned by the King Cove Corporation, referred to as 2025 IZM KCC Land Exchange, King Cove Corporation (Tract 13, a-k and m-p) and more particularly described as:

T. 57 S., R. 88 W., Seward Meridian
Secs. 1, 2 and 3;
Sec. 4, lots 1, 2 and 7;
Sec. 5, lots 1 to 9;
Sec. 6, lots 1, 2, 3, and 5;
Sec. 7, lots 1 and 2;
Sec. 12.

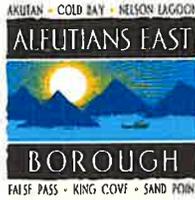
in Exchange for USS 14498 (Tract 1bXL and 1UXL); and

WHEREAS, in the preliminary title of opinion, both the Joint Cooperation and Access Project Agreement and the Memorandum of Land Sale and Easement created a potential cloud on the title; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) determined neither the Joint Cooperation and Access Project Agreement and the Memorandum of Land Sale and Easement Agreement in the short term would interfere with the purposes for this the land was acquired; and

WHEREAS, these documents were included in the Administrative Certificate signed by the Regional Director prior to closing; and

WHEREAS, a condition set forth in the PTO and the Administrative Certificate was to clear the potential cloud on the title via execution of a Quitclaim Deed prior to the federal government requesting a Final Opinion of Title; and



WHEREAS, the lands referenced included all possible Bookend parcels, but there is no specific information if deeds for all of them were ever filed and it has been determined that this is safety measure to clear all title flaws, and there is little chance the mitigation deeds were ever filed; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to remove any potential cloud on the title by getting a disclaimer of interest from the Borough which disclaims any right of access or easement which may be created by this Agreement; and

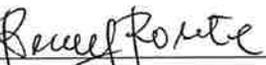
WHEREAS, this can be done via a Quitclaim Deed between the Borough and USFWS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to convey and quitclaim to the United States through U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Realty land situated in the Aleutian Islands Recording District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 12th day of February 2026.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Rosete, Borough Clerk