Izembek EIS Public Scoping Nelson Lagoon

April 29, 2010. Community Center -~10 people attended

Questions/clarifications after presentation:

Mayor Mack - Secretary of Interior – what happens after ROD – when does he make his decision?

USFWS – the Secretary will make the decision after he evaluates the EIS/ROD/ and public interest determination. Summer of 2012.

Mayor Mack - Cable barrier – process to decide if the cable barrier or not –

USFWS – work with cooperators and evaluate data to determine if cable barrier will be implemented

 Gary Hennigh – KC – cable barrier there to keep people off the sides of the road. KC will have other options. Public interest determination – is new. Secretary has a trust responsibility for region and for the people of KC. When refuge designated, forgot to ask the Aleut people, 1960, ANICLA 1980, the KC people did not get heard. Secretary-special directive to pay attention to native people.

Justine Gundren – supports the road. Safety reasons, climate reasons. USFWS pilot crashed in KC – crashed on road. Pen Air accident – sic another reason why need road. Medevac use.

Arlene Nelson – Full support of road. Road needs to go in.

Leona Nelson – Supports road, safety of community, but does have a concern for caribou. Area is a crossing point for caribou – cable may not be a good idea for caribou.

Leslie Johnson – supports the road for safety. Also concerned about caribou – crossing point for caribou. Caribou already depressed do not want to lose more.

Mark McNeley – Supports the road for safety reasons. Caribou – not many around.

Justine Gundersen – six pilots have died in crashes in KC – 2 medevac crashes.

Ken Brandell – All for road. Two fatal crashes in KC. Brother was sick could not get out of KC. Cannot get sick people out of KC.

Paul Gronholdt – Supports road. Scoping – re-schedule scoping meetings in communities, the weather has been pretty good. KC HS Act – the airport in KC was made a little better, clinic is great, hovercraft expensive, does not work all of the time.