

**Association of ANCSA Regional Corporation
Presidents/ CEOs, Inc.
Resolution 05-02**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN
DOYON, LTD. AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks based Doyon, Limited has entered into an agreement in principle with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to rearrange and exchange some of its Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) land holdings within the boundaries of the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, USFWS is now conducting a series of public meetings as part of a public comment period with regard to the agreement in principle, and will make a determination to proceed or not with the pending exchange based in part on public comment; and

WHEREAS, the main Doyon objective of the exchange is to trigger new oil and gas exploration on current Doyon lands and those that would be acquired by exchange, and such lands will be ANCSA lands; and

WHEREAS, the main US Fish and Wildlife Service objective of the exchange is to secure high value waterfowl habitat lands of national and international significance; and

WHEREAS, recent studies suggest that large quantities of economically recoverable conventional oil and gas may be present in the Yukon Flats, perhaps as much as the Cook Inlet Basin; and

WHEREAS, traditional Native activities such as hunting, fishing and trapping can continue in the area of the proposed exchange through Doyon stewardship, industry practices, strict government oversight and the small "footprint" of current oil field development

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives statewide and their ANCSA corporations are direct stakeholders in Doyon success at natural resource development on its lands, including those acquired by trade, because of the revenue sharing provisions of Section 7(i) of ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous Alaska Native corporation businesses that provide oilfield support services and those businesses employ many Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the proposed land exchange and possible oil and gas development in the Yukon Flats will be good for Alaska Natives and their business, good for the State of Alaska, and will provide many benefits to USFWS and the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of ANCSA Regional Corporation Presidents and CEOs strongly supports the pending land exchange agreement in principle between USFWS and Doyon, Limited.

ADOPTED AND DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005.

Board of Directors
Association of ANCSA Regional Corporation Presidents/ CEOs, Inc.

Tom Hawkins
Secretary

February 9, 2005
Date