

# COMMENT NOW

Must be received by USFWS by March 25, 2008



"I support oil and gas development in the Yukon Flats. If we are able to develop our natural resources near my home in Chalkyitsik, it will provide opportunities for Native-owned businesses to develop and grow. It will create jobs and opportunities for our young men and women in their villages... in their homes."

*The late First Traditional Chief  
Reverend David Salmon*

**Step 1. Decide which alternative you support**

**Step 2. Complete the postage paid comment card in your own words**

**Step 3. Need language?**

**Watch the enclosed DVD, or**

**see Advantages/Disadvantages listed in this newsletter, or**

**go to: Doyon lands website: [www.doyonlands.com](http://www.doyonlands.com), or**

**USFWS website: <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>**

**Step 4. Print your name and address**

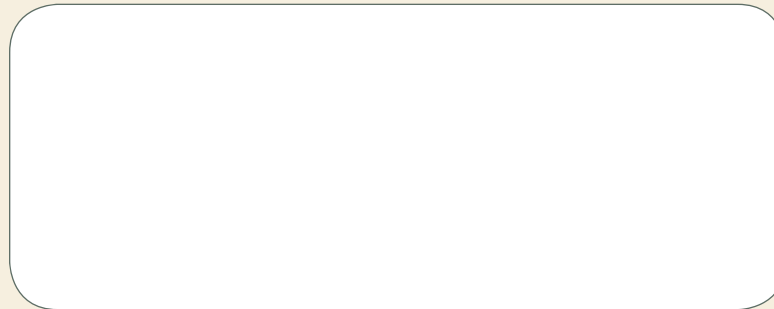
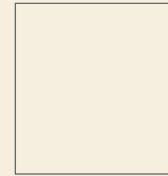
**Step 5. Mail ASAP, comments must be received by USFWS**

**BY MARCH 25, 2008**



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## **COMMENT NOW**

### **Yukon Flats Land Trade Update**

**Public Comment Period:**

January 25 through March 25, 2008

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**Create Opportunity for**  
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## Yukon Flats Land Trade Update

SEEKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

January 2008

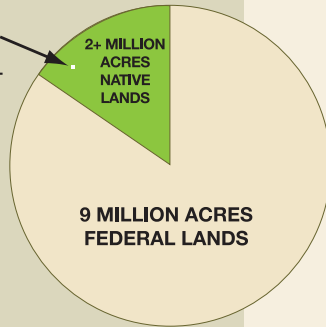


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**YUKON FLATS  
WILDLIFE REFUGE  
11 MILLION ACRES**

1,000 TO  
10,000\* ACRES  
OF POTENTIAL  
LAND  
DEVELOPMENT

\* Depends on  
the number  
of discoveries



## YUKON FLATS LAND TRADE

### Background

In the 1970s Doyon worked closely with several villages in the Yukon Flats to maximize our ANCSA land ownership to better balance traditional use and economic development prospects through oil and gas. As a result, today six Yukon Flats village corporations own 330,000 more acres with development potential. At that time the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge did not yet exist.

With or without the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) land trade, Doyon will pursue oil and gas exploration and development on our lands in the Yukon Flats. Any future development would be on very little land — much less than 1 percent (*see pie chart*) of Native corporation lands within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

## YUKON FLATS PROJECT TIMELINE

**1970s** ANCSA land selections in the Yukon Flats to maximize oil & gas exploration potential

**1980s** Doyon & Villages partner with oil companies to explore for oil & gas

**1990s** Doyon & USFWS begin land trade discussion

**2000s** First discussions with Yukon Flats leaders to get input for negotiations with USFWS

**2002-2003** Doyon begins negotiating with USFWS and identifies potential lands to trade

**2004-2005** Draft land trade agreement presented to Yukon Flats villages and public

Doyon continues meeting with Yukon Flats leaders

**2006-2007** USFWS public meetings to identify issues to be studied and alternatives developed for EIS

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CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE SHAREHOLDER WEALTH

## THE NEXT STEP:

### Toward Increased Dividends for All Doyon Shareholders and Sustainable Villages in the Yukon Flats

However, a successful trade serves all Doyon shareholders by increasing the long-term potential for profits and jobs for shareholders and village corporations. It also creates the potential for sustainable rural economies.

For the Yukon Flats Land Trade Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), several alternatives were studied. The Final EIS document will form the basis for a decision by the federal government as to which land trade alternative they prefer.

#### POSSIBLE FORECAST

2008 USFWS Draft EIS, extensive environmental analysis and public involvement

2009-2012 Seismic testing & some exploration drilling to evaluate oil & gas potential

Doyon continues meeting with Yukon Flats leaders

2013-2017 If successful, more drilling & steps toward development

A new EIS occurs with each proposed development prospect

2018-Beyond Production occurs only if permits are secured

Any development will use less than 1 percent of Native corporation lands



“The Elders supported the idea from the early days. They said it would be a good way to create a cash economy for our people. I support this oil and gas development; I’ve been thinking about it for a long time.”

*Traditional Chief  
Paul Williams, Sr.  
Beaver Traditional Council*



# Comment NOW

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The USFWS has issued the Draft Yukon Flats Land Trade Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public comment. You are encouraged to tell the USFWS that you support the Yukon Flats Land Trade **PROPOSED ACTION** or **ALTERNATIVE 1**

by writing your comments:

- 1) On the enclosed postage-paid postcard; or
- 2) Go to the project website at <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>, then click on the "Public Participation" tab

## What is an EIS?

Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are required of federal agencies for major project proposals that may significantly effect the environment. These statements are prepared by the agency or a third party contractor under the management of the USFWS. They describe the possible positive and negative effects of the proposed undertaking such as potential social, cultural, economic and environmental effects. The EIS also identifies possible alternatives to the proposed action. The EIS process requires a number of public participation and tribal consultation opportunities. Once completed, the EIS serves as the decision making tool that permits are based on.

## PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

Testify in support of the land trade at Public Meetings:

*Schedule subject to change by the USFWS*

- Feb. 7 .....Venetie, Community Hall
- Feb. 11 .....Stevens Village, Tribal Community Hall
- Feb. 12 .....Beaver, school
- Feb. 13 .....Birch Creek, Winston's house
- Feb. 19 .....Chalkyitsik, school
- Feb. 20 .....Fort Yukon, *(to be determined)*
- Feb. 21 .....Fairbanks, Noel Wien Library
- Feb. 25 .....Central, Roadhouse
- Feb. 26 .....Circle, school
- Feb. 27 .....Arctic Village, school
- March 4 .....Anchorage, *(to be determined)*

**NOW is an  
important time  
to COMMENT**

## WHICH LAND TRADE ALTERNATIVE BEST SERVES ALL DOYON SHAREHOLDERS?

ALTERNATIVES	SHAREHOLDER VALUES	New revenue opportunities for Doyon villages	Ongoing subsistence access for shareholders	Increased shareholder dividends	Jobs/job training	Sustainable village economics	TOTAL
Proposed Action	20	20	20	20	20	20	100
Alternative 1	20	20	20	20	20	20	100
Alternative 2	14	20	14	14	14	14	76
Alternative 3 No Action	10	20	10	10	10	10	60

Rating Scale: from 1- to - 20 points possible

1 = Does not serve all Doyon shareholder values

20 = Best serves all Doyon shareholder values

### Our thoughts for you consideration

When you visit the USFWS website, you will see four options.

We believe that only two of these options are in the best interest of all Doyon shareholders: the **PROPOSED ACTION** or **ALTERNATIVE 1**.

Alternative 2 is the same as Proposed Action but trades fewer lands. As a result only three alternatives are considered in the next pages.



## PROPOSED ACTION

### Land Trade

**Description:** Once we identified additional oil and gas potential on Refuge lands we approached USFWS about a land trade. Doyon would trade habitat-rich lands for USFWS lands with less habitat value and more oil and gas value. Doyon trades a minimum of 150,000 acres to USFWS in exchange for oil and gas interests on 200,000 acres of USFWS land. If oil and gas is found on the trade lands, then Doyon agrees to sell some additional lands to the USFWS in a second phase of the land trade (Phase Two).

#### ADVANTAGES

If commercial quantities of oil and gas are found on the trade lands, then:

- Doyon shareholders would earn greater financial benefits through increased dividends, jobs, and new revenue opportunities for Doyon villages.
- Local residents would still retain subsistence preference rights on the lands traded to the USFWS.
- USFWS believes that the public would be well-served by having more lands with high habitat value under the stewardship of the USFWS in the Refuge.

#### DISADVANTAGES

- The Proposed Action does not allow as much land to remain in Native ownership as Alternative 1 does.
- It does not protect subsistence access as well as Alternative 1 does.

*If we don't get some kind of development going out here, then village life as we have known it for generations will be lost. Doyon is headed on the right path - we have all been working together on this for a long time. It is a good opportunity for us. It will strengthen our communities and improve our educational opportunities."*

*Traditional Chief Winston James  
Birch Creek Traditional Council*



## ALTERNATIVE 1

### Land Trade with Non-Development Easement

**Description:** This alternative is almost identical to the Proposed Action - with one important difference. Under Alternative 1, Doyon would dedicate non-development conservation easements rather than convey ownership of Phase Two trade lands directly to USFWS.

#### ADVANTAGES

- ✦ More land would remain in Native ownership than in the Proposed Action.
- ✦ Less land would be subject to general public use or access.
- ✦ Land in the conservation easement areas would be off-limits to future development.

#### DISADVANTAGES

- ✦ Some members of the USFWS would prefer that USFWS (*not Doyon*) own the Phase Two lands so that there would be greater public access.



*"I support this option without reservation. I think Alternative 1 best serves all interests in the Doyon region - and the general public for that matter. It allows us to develop our natural resources, and create long-term economies in our rural communities. At the same time, it includes non-development easements from Doyon preventing future development on land that is important to our people for subsistence."*

*Craig Fleener, Former Executive Director  
Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments in Fort Yukon*

## ALTERNATIVE 3

### No Action

**Description:** Doyon already owns over 2 million acres of land with oil and gas potential in the Yukon Flats Refuge, selected under ANCSA 36 years ago. If no land trade takes place, then Doyon will continue to pursue development - but only on these lands.

#### ADVANTAGES

Doyon can continue to pursue development in the Yukon Flats Refuge even if the land trade is not approved.

#### DISADVANTAGES

If no land is traded, then:

- Doyon is prevented from maximizing development opportunities for shareholders.
- With mounting pressure to develop U.S. oil and gas, it is possible the USFWS would be ordered by the federal government to develop oil and gas on some of the same trade lands in the future.
- If so, then Doyon would lose control of the development decisions on those lands leased by the federal government.
- This would mean fewer jobs/training, supply contracts and profits for shareholders and village corporations because Doyon would lose control of the development

*For more background information visit [www.doyonlands.com](http://www.doyonlands.com) and click on the "Yukon Flats Land Trade" tab.*

*Have questions for Doyon about the Yukon Flats Land Trade?  
Call toll free 888-478-4755 ext 2030 or in Fairbanks 459-2030.*

