

# 2010 Tetlin Community Plan



## Tetlin Village Council

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-09-21 (d)

WHEREAS, the Tetlin Village Council is the duly constituted and legal governing body of the Native Village of Tetlin, Alaska and

WHEREAS, this community plan is important to the future growth and development of Tetlin and,

WHEREAS, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community: and,

WHEREAS, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community, and

WHEREAS, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service deliver, and

WHEREAS, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision expressed in this plan.

DULY ADOPTED this 21<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

This certifies that the above resolution was duly adopted at a convened meeting of the Tetlin Tribal Council, at which time a quorum was present. This resolution was adopted by a vote 5 for, 0 against, with 0 abstaining.

  
Donald Adams, President

  
Michael Sam, Vice President

long by 75' wide gravel runway. The village also owns and maintains a 1,700' turf airstrip. There are no scheduled flights to Tetlin however charter flights are available from Tok. Tetlin has a Transit Transportation System that brings people to Tok and from Tok six days a week. The Tetlin Village Council hopes to expand this transportation as to go to Fairbanks and Anchorage for such needs as medical and shopping. The Tetlin Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining and completing the needed road work in their community. Tetlin's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was most recently updated in 2008 and has been used to complete several road projects. Tetlin's LRTP includes detailed descriptions and routes throughout Tetlin Village Council lands in addition to a comprehensive list of transportation priorities. Tetlin's LRTP is available for review at the Tetlin Village Council office.

### **Land Management**

Tetlin Village Council owns 643,174 acres of surface and subsurface land and the Tetlin Native Corporation owns 100,000 acres of surface and subsurface land. In the future Tetlin hopes to write and adopt a comprehensive land management plan that will, among other things, designate tracts of land for specific purposes and uses. This plan is vital for the future protection of Tetlin's lands.

The Tetlin Village Council, with the financial backing of the Tribal Wildlife Grant through the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, adopted a Moose Management Plan in 2009 to help with the management of its wildlife. The purpose and mission of the plan sets out to "Protect, enhance, and maintain moose populations and habitats on Tetlin Tribal Lands; while maintaining traditional and cultural lifestyles for Tetlin Tribal Members".<sup>5</sup> Tetlin Village Council is working toward Tribal management on their Tribal lands. Through the Moose Management Plan the Tetlin Village Council hopes to ensure that the moose population is not depleted and there is a guarantee of this valuable subsistence and cultural resource for the use of future generations. One of the projects initiated through the Moose Management Plan includes a moose habitat rehabilitation project which consists of plowing 200 acres of land to help the willows and their root systems to regenerate which is a vital food source for mature moose and young calves alike.

<sup>5</sup> (Young, 2010)

## Appendix 6: Tribal Council Resolution Adopting Plan



# Native Village of Tetlin

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### Resolution for Adopting Community Plan

2015-30-07 (C)

**WHEREAS**, this community plan is important to the future growth and development of Native Village of Tetlin; and,

**WHEREAS**, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community; and,


**WHEREAS**, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service delivery; and,


**WHEREAS**; we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision express in this plan.

### Certification

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed and approved 6 in favor,  
0 opposed by the following parties on this day      of July 2015:

  
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Michael Sam, President

  
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Council Member

### Land Use and Environment

#### [Land Ownership]

When the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was passed in 1971, the reserve was revoked. Tetlin opted for surface and subsurface title to the 743,000 acres of land in the former reserve. In 1994, Tetlin Native Corporation transferred a majority of that land to the Villages Council, so 700,000 of that land is now owned by the Village Council. [1]

Tetlin Village Council owns 643,174 acres of the former Tetlin Indian Reserve. These lands are vital to the cultural and traditional identity and subsistence activities of the Tetlin Tribal members, whom retain a strong sense of pride in their cultural heritage and continue numerous traditional practices.

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-09 (b)

WHEREAS, the Tetlin Village Council is the duly constituted and legal governing body of the Native Village of Tetlin, Alaska and

WHEREAS, this community plan is important to the future growth and development of the Native Village of Tetlin; and;

WHEREAS, this plan was created through a public process which captured the values and goals of our community; and

WHEREAS, this plan is a tool that helps us manage change in our community; and;

WHEREAS, this plan is intended to coordinate future community development and service delivery; and

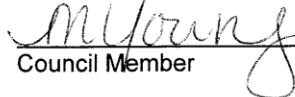
WHEREAS, we ask all public, private, and non-profit entities serving our community to recognize and use this plan; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the parties of this resolution agree to work together to pursue the values, goals, and vision expressed in this plan.

DULY ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

This certifies that the above resolution was duly adopted at a convened meeting of the Tetlin Tribal Council, at which time a quorum was present. This resolution was adopted by a vote 5 for, 0 against, with 0 abstaining.

  
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Michael Sam, Chief

  
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Council Member

## Land Use and Environment

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### Land Ownership

Although the Tetlin Tribal descendants lived in the Upper Tanana Valley for tens of thousands of years, according to archaeologists at numerous nearby sites; it wasn't until 1898, that the first non-Native peoples came into the traditional territory of the Tetlin people. That was the beginning of Tetlin People learning that their traditional land that was never "explored" by non-Natives was sold. Their land was "owned" by Russia and "sold" to United States, without any non-Natives ever entering the Upper Tanana region. It was still unexplored and the maps of that time were empty, as the non-Native people didn't know where the headwaters of the Tanana River began.

First contact into the traditional territory of the Tetlin People was in 1898 by Lt. Allen and the two army privates that traveled with him. This was the first documentation of the upper Tanana River.

In 1930, Tetlin People successfully advocated with the President of the United States to create the Tetlin Indian Reserve, by Executive Order of the President.

When the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was passed in 1971, the Tetlin Indian Reserve was revoked. Tetlin opted for surface and subsurface title to the 743,000 acres of land in the former reserve. In 1998, Tetlin Native Corporation transferred a majority of that land to the Villages Council, so approximately 700,000 of that land is now owned by the Village Council. [1]

The land status and ownership of the Tetlin Tribal Lands are unique for Alaska. No other Tribes in Alaska own as much land as Tetlin with both surface and subsurface land rights.

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Tetlin Village Council owns 643,174 acres of surface and subsurface land and the Tetlin Native Corporation owns approximately 100,000 acres of surface and subsurface land. In the future Tetlin hopes to write and adopt a comprehensive land management plan or land use plan that will, among other things, designate tracts of land for specific purposes and uses. This plan is vital for the future protection of Tetlin's lands.

The Tetlin Village Council, with the financial backing of the Tribal Wildlife Grant through the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, adopted a