NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 16-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBSISTENCE
MAPPING PROJECT AND ATLAS

WHEREAS: In 2011 the Northwest Arctic Borough began conducting
scientific research through the Planning Department with the Subsistence
Mapping Project (the “Project”) or Íñuunialiqput Íilígu Nunaŋqanun
(Documenting Our Way of Life with Mapping), and

WHEREAS: The Project documented the region’s subsistence way of life
by documenting traditional hunting and gathering areas, as well as, ecologically
sensitive areas in seven of the region's coastal communities; Kivalina, Noatak,
Selawik, Noorvik, Deering, Buckland, and Kotzebue, and

WHEREAS: The Project also documented local Íñupiaq place names, and

WHEREAS: The Borough developed the project relying heavily on local
and traditional knowledge conducting 231 individual interviews with local
residents who are recognized subsistence users in their communities, and

WHEREAS: The maps were made using information collected from
individual interviews, meeting with village based advisory groups, and through
analysis of peer-reviewed publications and scientific reports, and

WHEREAS: The information gathered from this project will help the
Borough as they try to balance food security, resource development, and a rapidly
changing environment, and

WHEREAS: The project produced a 600-page atlas documenting
subsistence-use areas (where people hunt, fish, and gather by season), important
ecological areas (places where animals feed, breed, raise young, and migrate) and
Íñupiaq place names, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Northwest Arctic
Borough recognizes the importance of the work of the Subsistence Mapping
Project and the final atlas.

RSN 16-05 Subsistence Mapping Project