



Aviation Advisory Board

Aviation Advisory Board Resolution No. 2020-1

Resolution to Improve Safety at Klawock Airport

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Whereas, the Klawock Airport is an unattended, primary airport serving approximately 30,000 scheduled passengers annually; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport is the only airport serving the communities of Klawock, Craig, Hydaburg, Hollis, Thorne Bay, Whale Pass, Coffman Cove and Naukati on Prince of Wales Island; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport serves other Southeast Alaska communities including Sitka and Juneau; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport is served by multiple FAA part 135 scheduled commuter operators; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport has a documented serious bird hazard problem; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport has numerous documented bird strikes from large birds causing substantial aircraft damage and a significant safety risk; and

Whereas, the DOT&PF staffing level on Prince of Wales Island is responsible for 355 lane miles of road and the unattended Klawock Airport; and

Whereas, the Klawock Airport requires full-time staff to provide bird mitigation, wildlife control, and normal maintenance and snow removal

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Aviation Advisory Board recommends improving safety and maintenance at the Klawock Airport for both lives and aircraft by adding full-time staff or other methods to provide wildlife and bird mitigation and maintenance at this primary airport.

Signed:

Lee M. Ryan, Aviation Advisory Board Chair

Date: April 15, 2020