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RESOLUTION 2018-08-14a

A Resolution Opposing Donlin Gold's Development, Requesting the Army Corp of Engineers to Cease and Desist the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) due to Inadequate Consultation of the Final EIS to the affected Tribes in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and Calling on the other tribes of the YK Delta to Take Stand

Whereas, the Chevak Traditional Council (Council) a governing body for the Chevak Native Village (Chevak) a sovereign entity and a federally recognized Tribe; and

Whereas, the Council represents the interests of the Kashunamiut for their Health, Safety and Welfare; and

Whereas, the five member governing body of the Council is fully authorized to act for and on behalf of it's tribal members arising under the Self-Determining Act of 1975, Public Law 93-638 as amended, 25 U.S.C. Et. Seq.; and

Whereas, Chevak has participated in the draft Environmental Impact Statement Informational Process in the neighboring village in April 2015 and became aware of the Donlin's Proposal for the development of an Open Pit Mine in Southwest Alaska; and

Whereas, Chevak represents the Cup'ik People of the Kashunamiut and the wellbeing of their lives, and recognizes that subsistence hunting and fishing practices is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, the people of the Yukon Kuskokwim are reliant of their hunting and fishing for sustenance and have done so for generations; the wellbeing of the Yukon Kuskokwim People is of an utmost concern to the Kashunamiut; and

Whereas, the Open Pit mines have history of devastating and annihilating ecosystems and have posed extreme health, safety and welfare hardships to the people in and around these mines; and

Whereas, Chevak wishes for their future generations to inherit their inherent rights to live their hunting and fishing subsistence rights and those of the future generation of the Yukon Kuskokwim People; and

Whereas, the future of the Kashunamiut and the Yukon Kuskokwim generations far outweigh the Development of Open Pit Mines in Southwest Alaska and the irreversible risks they pose to life around them; and

Whereas, Chevak and possibly other tribes were not given an adequate time to comment on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) because there was a period of "quite" before the Final EIS announcement; and

Whereas, the period of "quite" did not represent Chevak's approval or endorsement until the Final EIS which was 10,668 pages came out with 30 days for comment and this may have posed undermining Chevak's authority to review and make informed comments on the Final EIS.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved; that Chevak Native Village opposes the Development of the Donlin Gold and all of its Operations for reasons of: the irreversible risks on the ecosystems and the environment along the Kuskokwim, and expressly for the Yukon Kuskokwim Peoples' future generation and finally to preserve the clean waters of the Kuskokwim and the Bering Sea Coast; and

Be it Further Resolved; that Chevak stands with the Tribes that are opposing the Donlin Gold Development; and

Be it Further Resolved; that the Army Corp of Engineers cease and desist the Environmental Impact Statement Process because Chevak and tribes were not afforded adequate time to read and comment on the 10,668 pages of the Final Donlin Gold Environmental Impact Statement 2018; and

Be it Finally Resolved; Chevak is calling on the Tribes in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta that take Stand of their Position(s) one way or another on the Donlin Gold Development and the Army Corp of Engineers lack of Consultation on the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Certification

This resolution was adopted by Chevak Native Village's governing body on

August 08, 2018, and the vote was: 5 in favor, 0

against, and 0 abstaining.


Tribal Chief

Tribal Seal


Attest; Secretary

