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SUBSISTENCE CONCERNS RE: DONLIN GOLD EIS

I'm Chariton Ephook, Chairman of Kwethluk Incorporated and I'm currently pushing for Alternative Number 1 "No Action" for the following reasons.

The traffic going up and down the Kuskokwim will cause further erosion of Corporate, Private, State and Federal lands which may also cause the salmon not to want to go up to spawn where they usually spawn other than altering the natural course of the river.

Most of the villages on the Kuskokwim are in areas that are considered to be in a flood plain zone. If there is a flood within the Donlin area, the villages around and below the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers will be contaminated which will also affect our water source (Groundwater), migratory birds, all fish and aquatic organisms ~~will all be contaminated~~ and there goes our customary and traditional lifestyle. We will have caused all living things to become extinct including ourselves, leaving nothing for our younger generations.