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To Whom It May Concern:

Would you want to taste oil in your fish? I could never imagine eating salmon that tastes like oil. I am very against the Donlin gold mine. The land here is very rich. Why destroy a land where you can actually see wildlife? If Donlin did the mine where will our beautiful animals go? Our fish will die too. Our culture depends on land and natural subsistence some people are too blind to see how beautiful it is.

I Margaret strongly disagree about the mining because it could cause the pollution that will kill the salmon. Polluting the land will ruin the Alaska wildlife. A huge oil spill will always be there no matter if they say that it will be a success, every mine has been failed before at mining.

Mining could cause the pollution that will kill the fish. Fish are very sensitive to water. Imagine

what it would do to the fish. When they do the mine all the fish will disappear. Imagine the people being disappointed that they killed the fish. When the fish die the people will be mad at Donlin gold.

For example, there was a huge oil spill at Valdez in March 24, 1989. A lot of fish disappeared. Animals were sick and dying at that point. It was a severe impact of suffering. There was huge disaster in Alaska, the spill is still pollutes to this day. Crude oil is still remaining on the surface under water where it isn't reachable. So can you imagine what can happen if they do the mine in this area? More land would be destroyed animals will die. A huge decrease will happen we won't be able to hunt too.

Hunting grounds would be much harder because animals wouldn't appear. Animals would go extinct even salmon!

If they mine in Alaska there will be a chance of failure. No one ever had succeeded in mining yet. They will damage the land and the wildlife would be gone. It would make a huge change to the people that do subsistence every year that gather fish and other animals.

So would you worry about money and getting paid? Money comes and goes. Then why worry about money if fish would be gone forever and never come back. Cultures will be broken. Salmon will never come back to their natural resources if mining happens. If you think Donlin would succeed try look back and see how many failures they had when Berrick had finished mining.

Sincerely,

. Margaret Alexie .