

From: [Bellion, Tara](#) on behalf of [DonlinEISAR](#)
To: [Bellion, Tara](#)
Subject: FW: FYI - request for extension and another public meeting.
Date: Monday, April 04, 2016 1:00:08 PM
Attachments: [Resolution 16-15 Donlin Gold Comment Period Extension.pdf](#)

From: Gordon, Keith POA [Keith.Q.Gordon@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Newman, Sheila M POA; Craig, Bill; Brewer, Jason D POA
Subject: FYI - request for extension and another public meeting.

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From: Bob Charles [<mailto:BCharles@kniktribe.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:23 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Call in # for tonite's Anchorage meeting but, this may not be your best opportunity to comment. Please see below.

Hi,

The Knik Tribal Council met recently and adopted the attached resolution requesting a six month extension for public comments on the Donlin DEIS as well as requesting a public meeting in Wasilla, Alaska.

Thanks,

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From: Gordon, Keith POA [<mailto:Keith.Q.Gordon@usace.army.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 11:04 AM
To: Bob Charles <BCharles@kniktribe.org>
Subject: RE: Call in # for tonite's Anchorage meeting but, this may not be your best opportunity to comment. Please see below.

Bob,

Re the interview I noted that I as the PM would support an extension (I was not indicating that I would support a 6 month extension) and I then went on to tell the interviewer that my recommendation for an extension would be discussed with the CA's and then go the USACE management for a final decision.

We routinely get requests for extensions of EIS and well as our 10/404 comment periods. I noted for the interviewer that if a decision is made to extend the schedule that it would likely be made very near or at the April 30 deadline.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 9:00 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Call in # for tonight's Anchorage meeting but, this may not be your best opportunity to comment. Please see below.

Hi,

I read an article this morning at the KYUK website that the City of Bethel is considering a resolution requesting a six months extension of the public comment period for the Donlin Gold DEIS. The article further quotes your support for the extension. What is the process for considering and adopting an extension? You were quoted that the USACE and cooperating agencies will make that decision together.

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Thanks,

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All,

There WILL be a call in # available for the Anchorage meeting.

The number is (888) 369-1427 access code 261-6705

Please note that this is not your best opportunity to comment if you can attend (or call into) other meetings because we very likely will have to limit commentors time tonite do to the # of people expected to want to comment. Bethel is the only other location . where we might also have to establish a time limit.

So, you may be interested inn listening to comments. The program starts at 600 PM but the opening presentations and poster session will take until 7:30 or 7:45. So we likely won't start receiving comment until that time.



KNIK TRIBAL COUNCIL

KNIK, THE OLDEST VILLAGE IN COOK INLET

RESOLUTION 16-15

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING A SIX (6) MONTH EXTENSION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DONLIN GOLD PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Donlin Gold LLC has applied for permits to develop an open pit, hard-rock mine about 10 miles north of the community of Crooked Creek, in southwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Donlin Gold's proposed mine is located approximately 277 miles west of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the mine site, the project has two other major components: transportation infrastructure and natural gas pipeline infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the construction of and planned lifetime of the mine and related infrastructure lasts for the next 30 plus years; and

WHEREAS, monitoring of the tailings and the area around the mine will be required for perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the 317 mile natural gas pipeline begins in Beluga and on up through the Alaska Range though the Kuskokwim region to the proposed mine near Crooked Creek, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas pipeline will cross important wetlands, streams and rivers in the Upper Cook Inlet and may result in unrecoverable and un-restorable impacts to wetlands in the Upper Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Cook Inlet has already experienced impacts to wetlands in the Susitna Flats created by the construction and installation of a 20" natural gas pipeline called the Enstar Beluga to Anchorage pipeline in 1984 which resulted in water filled trenches in floating mat bog wetlands of the Susitna Flats; and

WHEREAS, the project will undoubtedly affect the citizens of Upper Cook Inlet and the Kuskokwim river for decades and possibly centuries to come; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) was

released on November 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the DEIS itself totals over 5,300 pages; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the sheer volume of the EIS, the report itself includes numerous technical and engineering terms that require additional research and investigation by the average reader; and

WHEREAS, currently the comment period for the EIS is essentially five months and is slated to end on April 30, 2016;

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the proposed project and its impacts on subsistence activities, the environment, economic development, job creation and other such concerns make it extremely important that the comment period be open for as long as necessary to allow a thorough understanding and thoughtful comment time period that is not rushed;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for adequate time be provided for the Knik Tribe to determine the functional value of impacted wetlands and consider options for compensatory mitigations to be included in the EIS; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens, tribal entities, governmental bodies, and agencies have an adequate amount of time to read, review, digest and form thoughtful comments regarding the DEIS report on this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Knik Tribal Council does hereby formally request an extension of at least six (6) months and at least one more public comment meeting in Wasilla, Alaska, for the public to offer comment on the Army Corps of Engineers' Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Study.

CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the foregoing resolution of the Knik Tribal Council was adopted by the Knik Tribe. The Council is made up of 5 members with a quorum of 5 established. The foregoing resolution was adopted on this 2nd day of March, 2016, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and _____ abstaining.

ATTEST


Knik Tribe President


Knik Tribe Secretary