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My name is Bruce Salley, known locally in Aniak as Buck, I owned and operated a small business in Aniak from 1975 until 2003. I still maintain a part time residence there. During my time in Aniak, I have witnessed the change in the Kuskokwim River Fisheries go from a viable subsistence and commercial fishery to a "What Can We Do To Save Our Salmon" one. The economy has been a beggar's list of lost commercial fishing, few permanent positions, seasonal firefighting jobs, and short term construction positions. It is the economy that has made me hesitate on a decision regarding the hazards vs benefits of the Donlin Project. While the proposed mine would benefit the area economy for a short period, I cannot believe that the potential for long term to permanent loss of fisheries and associated way of life on the Kuskokwim are worth the risk. I do believe it is a chance at best for a successful mine venture of this scale. Common sense would indicate that putting that much barge traffic with the associated power on the River could and most likely would be harmful, if not devastating to the fishery. I also believe it to be no more than a pipe dream to think that the massive tailings, dams, and lakes would pose no problem to the environment. I cannot begin to believe that anyone is, in reality, going to monitor and maintain the pumps and systems required long-term after the mine closure. Once the money is made and gone, so will be the care, along with any recourse. Despite the favorable and sometimes admirable support Donlin has shown the Kuskokwim and Middle Yukon area, I MUST recommend OPTION 1.

Sincerely,
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