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Choggiung Village Corporation Opposes Open Pit Mining in Bristol Bay

Dillingham, AK -- The Choggiung Limited Board of Directors voted unanimously at its March 7 board meeting to oppose open pit mining in the Bristol Bay Region in response to results from a recent shareholder advisory vote conducted on the issue.

According to Chairman Bryce Edgmon, "The board did not arrive at the decision lightly. But in the end, we followed the advice of our shareholders who told us to put our subsistence way of life and our world class fisheries, first and foremost."

Edgmon also went on to say, "We strongly support economic development and jobs for our communities. But as fellow stakeholders, we cannot support an industry that will, in some form or another, be destructive to the incredible natural environment in Bristol Bay."

Choggiung shareholders were asked at the recent Annual Shareholders meeting in February whether they supported open pit mining in the Bristol Bay region. Three out of four shareholders responding to the ballot question expressed their opposition to the idea.

The board also passed a resolution saying that Choggiung not only opposes the development of open pit mining in the Bristol Bay Region, but it also plans to actively oppose any claim that large scale mining can safely coexist with the nearby waterways that are the home to the world's largest sockeye fishery.

Choggiung Limited represents the villages of Dillingham, Ekuk and Portage Creek comprising over 1650 shareholders and is the largest Native village corporation in the Bristol Bay Region.

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