

CITY OF DILLINGHAM
Dillingham, Alaska
As Adopted 4-20-06

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

Opposing Large Scale Mining in the Bristol Bay Region

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA,
OPPOSING LARGE SCALE MINING AND THE PROPOSED PEBBLE COPPER/
GOLD MINE IN THE BRISTOL BAY REGION.

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham's economy depends upon serving as a major hub and port for the world's largest commercial wild salmon fishery; and

WHEREAS, the value of this commercial wild salmon fishery totals approximately \$100 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the commercial wild salmon fishery has been the backbone of individual livelihoods for over 100 years and many generations before; and

WHEREAS, the future of this renewable resource industry depends on its reputation of being a product of Bristol Bay's world class freshwater streams; and

WHEREAS, the local residents depend on numerous subsistence activities to supplement their livelihoods such as the taking of fish, moose, caribou, birds, berries and plants, all of which depend on Bristol Bay's pristine freshwater streams and relevant habitat; and

WHEREAS, activities associated with large scale mining have a proven risk of contaminating the surrounding air, water and terrain; and

WHEREAS, Northern Dynasty Mines, Ltd. is proposing a large scale open pit copper/gold mine at the headwaters of the Kaktuli river, a major spawning stream for the Nushagak King Salmon as well as other salmon species and freshwater trout; and

WHEREAS, the headwaters of the Kaktuli river would be the primary and permanent storage site for the tailings pond of the proposed mine and within the area known as the "Ring of Fire", an area susceptible to volcanic eruptions and major earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham is located at the mouth of the Nushagak/Mulchatna watershed where the Kaktuli river drains into; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham would feel the significant impact from any adverse effect caused by the proposed Pebble Copper/Gold mine or any large scale mining effort within the Nushagak/Mulchatna watershed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council supports and encourages economic development and growth provided that it does not endanger our residents' livelihood and our renewable resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council oppose all large scale mining including the proposed Pebble Copper/Gold mine within its watershed.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this __20__ day of __April__, 2006

SEAL:

____/S/ Chris Napoli_____
Chris Napoli, Mayor

____/S/ Ida M. Backford_____
Ida M. Backford, City Clerk