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Blankenship, Johni

From: lookout@xyz.net
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 10:37 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: chuitna

To whom it may concern. I am a thirty five year Alaskan resident. I am opposed to the strip mine operation in Chuitna. We need to get creative and come up with cleaner energy sources. Our wild salmon should be protected for generations of Alaskans to come. thank you Lisa Wood Beck. Homer Alaska

Blankenship, Johni

From: ahr kipling [ahrkip@gmail.com]
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Subject: kpb ordinance 2008-31

greetings fellow citizens - i would like to take this opportunity to publicly comment via email on the above referenced ordinance. in researching some additional information on the pacrim coal deal, i was a little taken aback to learn that the hunt brothers estate has had an interest in ladd landing since 1962, which makes all the more mystifying the rush to eliminate the 90 day requirement. i mean, what's 90 days wait compared to 46 years?

i would beg the assembly to consider the ramifications of eliminating the 90 day waiting period before locking up more public land for 25+ years. just another little slide down that slippery slope of unforeseen circumstances. really none of us knows what the future holds and it would seem that the assembly members and mayor would allow more rather than less public input before beginning yet another cycle of development that leads to the same inevitable and predictable and awful conclusion, this time being the extinction of a world class pristine salmon run and increased pollution in the very spawning grounds of the last remaining world class salmon runs...fish from the creator to feed those created.

i am not an alarmist. if you would just look to history from the east coast of this blessed continent all the way west and on up here to one of the last relatively unpolluted areas of the planet, you only have to open your eyes and see the trail of ruination thoughtless and hasty development has caused, regardless of the regulations in place and regardless of their promises of reclamation - ask the people who had that happen in their neighborhoods, just as it is happening in ours right now.

according to an article in the peninsula clarion monday nov. 10, 2008, page A3, chugach electric association has filed a petition with the ninth u.s. circuit court of appeals to block exports of cook inlet's natural gas to asia because chugach is looking out for alaska's people and our infrastructure. they know we all need for some of our natural gas to remain in the ground for the benefit of those now living and those to inherit this great land. the same goes for all of our state's resources.

the regulatory commission of alaska, a five member commission, has said that "the state could have done a better job in ensuring that local needs were met at reasonable pricing terms before the lng export license was extended". in light of these two important comments, lets follow the fine example set by chugach and the rca. prove to ourselves that we can responsibly plan for future generations...well beyond 25 years. what's the big rush to develop and export our coal?

i trust it will not take three minutes to read this and i thank you for your time.
sincerely,
darlene coyle

Blankenship, Johni

From: Barbara Kennedy [barbara_e_kennedy@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 1:23 PM

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Subject: Ordinance 2008-31

Dear Representatives,

Please DO NOT allow this ordinance to pass - I believe that it is critical to allow time for the public to comment on and review potential impacts of strip-mining coal on our land.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kennedy
1133 Cook Way
Homer, AK

Blankenship, Johni

From: chris worley [worleyanalytical@hotmail.com]
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Subject: To Hell with the Chuitna Coal Mine!

I can't believe this is still on the table. What do we stand to gain from this mine? Some tax revenue and a few blue collar jobs? And at what cost?

PLEASE people focus on conserving our fisheries and the natural character of this land you're charged with. Drive a stake in the heart of this frigging mine. Build a geothermal power plant on one of the volcanoes instead.

Chris Worley

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Blankenship, Johni

From: davea@acsalaska.net
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Subject: Ordinance 2008-31

Dear Mr. Mayor and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

I am writing to you in regards to Ordinance 2008-31, which removes the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option on public lands at Ladd Landing on the West side of Cook Inlet, near the communities of Beluga and Tyonek.

What is of largest concern is the loss of vital fish and wildlife habitat if the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine is fast tracked. This project is precedent setting in that it would be the first in Alaska to mine directly through an active salmon stream. Also of concern is coal mining's notoriously intensive use of land as well as the average of 7 million gallons of mine waste and runoff that it is estimated will flow into the salmon-rich waters of the Chuitna River and Cook Inlet.

Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease. The Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough needs to consider the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly should require an economic study to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years, before it is allowed to go forward.

It is also reported that the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

I hope you will take all these factors into consideration when making a decision on Ordinance 2008-31.

Thanks You,
Dave Atcheson

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Sterling, AK 99672

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jane and Bill Wiebe [janeandbill@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 8:03 PM
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Subject: Re: Opposing Ordinance 2008-31

Dear Mayor Carey,

Thank you for your response. In regard to your question whether individuals should stop burning coal, no, not in the short term, because these activities are smallscale and do not entail large scale mining that poses long term impacts. But I fear the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would destroy miles and miles of Cook Inlet salmon streams and important moose and bear habitat - just so we can export coal to Asia. Then the mercury from coal burning in Asia will drift back into Alaska fish, and we'll be even more locked into the fossil fuels that aggravate global warming.

No, we should not compensate the coal company. It is understood that permits are never guaranteed. So, businesses always take a risk when they pursue new projects. Ladd landing and the surrounding lease areas are public lands, so the people own them. You and the Assembly are charged with protecting the public interest, for us and the generations to come. There is no obligation to any corporation just because they have invested some money in hopes of a profitable project. Our responsibility is to our land and citizens. The permitting and policy decisions should absolutely not be affected by the financial aspirations or needs of the investing corporation.

I'm concerned that the losses of this large scale coal strip mine will far outweigh all short-term economic benefits. Has there been a study considering the potential gain and the potential loss? Even if one considers this only in financial terms, which is a limited analysis, one must wonder whether the devastation to pristine land and sea can possibly be worthwhile. I do firmly believe that wildness is Alaska's most valuable and unique resource. In my mind, there would have to be very compelling figures to justify this project. Has it really been thoroughly studied and evaluated?

Thank you Mayor Carey.

11/17/2008

Sincerely,

Jane Wiebe

On Thu, Nov 13, 2008 at 11:28 PM, Carey, Dave <dcarey@borough.kenai.ak.us> wrote:

Thursday, 11:20 PM

Dear Jane:

I appreciate your comments regarding borough policy-makers as hard-working and much appreciated.

Is it only the particular coal project or would you oppose residents being allowed to burn coal also?

The passing of Ord. 2008-31 will not stop the development of the potential coal mine.

Would you support the coal company being compensated for their potential lost income?

I appreciate, very much, your input as you are only the 2nd person to contact me on this decision.

The Planning Commission did recommend this unanimously.

Thank-you again for contacting me on this.

Mayor Carey

From: Jane and Bill Wiebe [<mailto:janeandbill@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 8:37 PM

To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfisher@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net

Subject: Opposing Ordinance 2008-31

11/17/2008

To my hard-working, much appreciated, thorough policy-makers:

This coal mining idea across Cook Inlet worries me. In the long run, our living natural resources are a much greater treasure than the things that can be mined. Please don't pass Ordinance 2008-31, thus removing the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option.

Thank you!

Jane Wiebe

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jerry Dixon [js2dixon@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 9:08 AM

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Subject: Chuitna coal strip mine

To the **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

1. Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.
2. The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.
3. The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

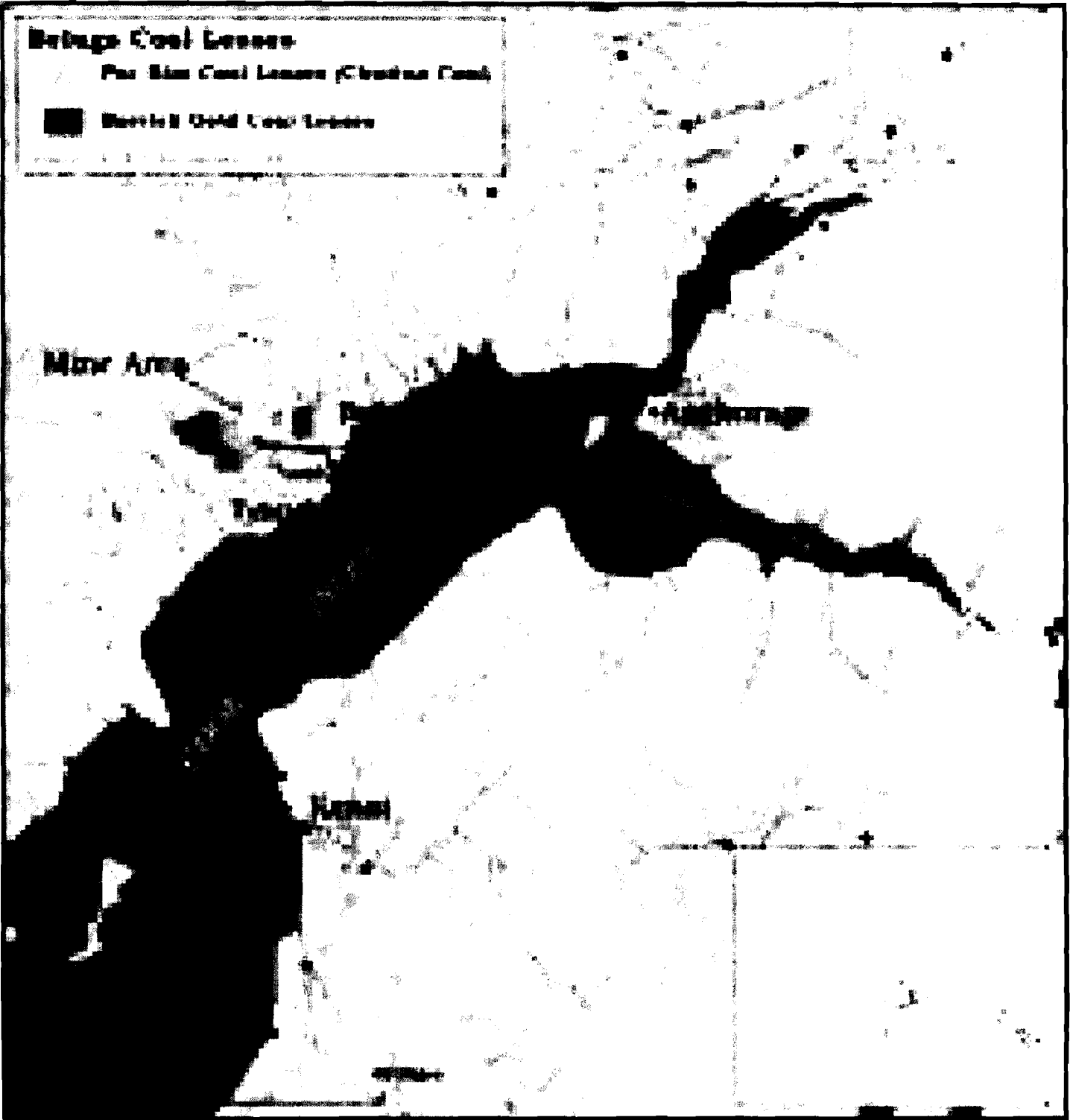
Jerry S. Dixon smokejumper/teacher of the gifted KPBSD

Bridge Coal Leases

For the Coal Leases (Chester Coal)



Bridge Coal Leases



Design Coal Leases

For Non Coal Leases (Electric Coal)



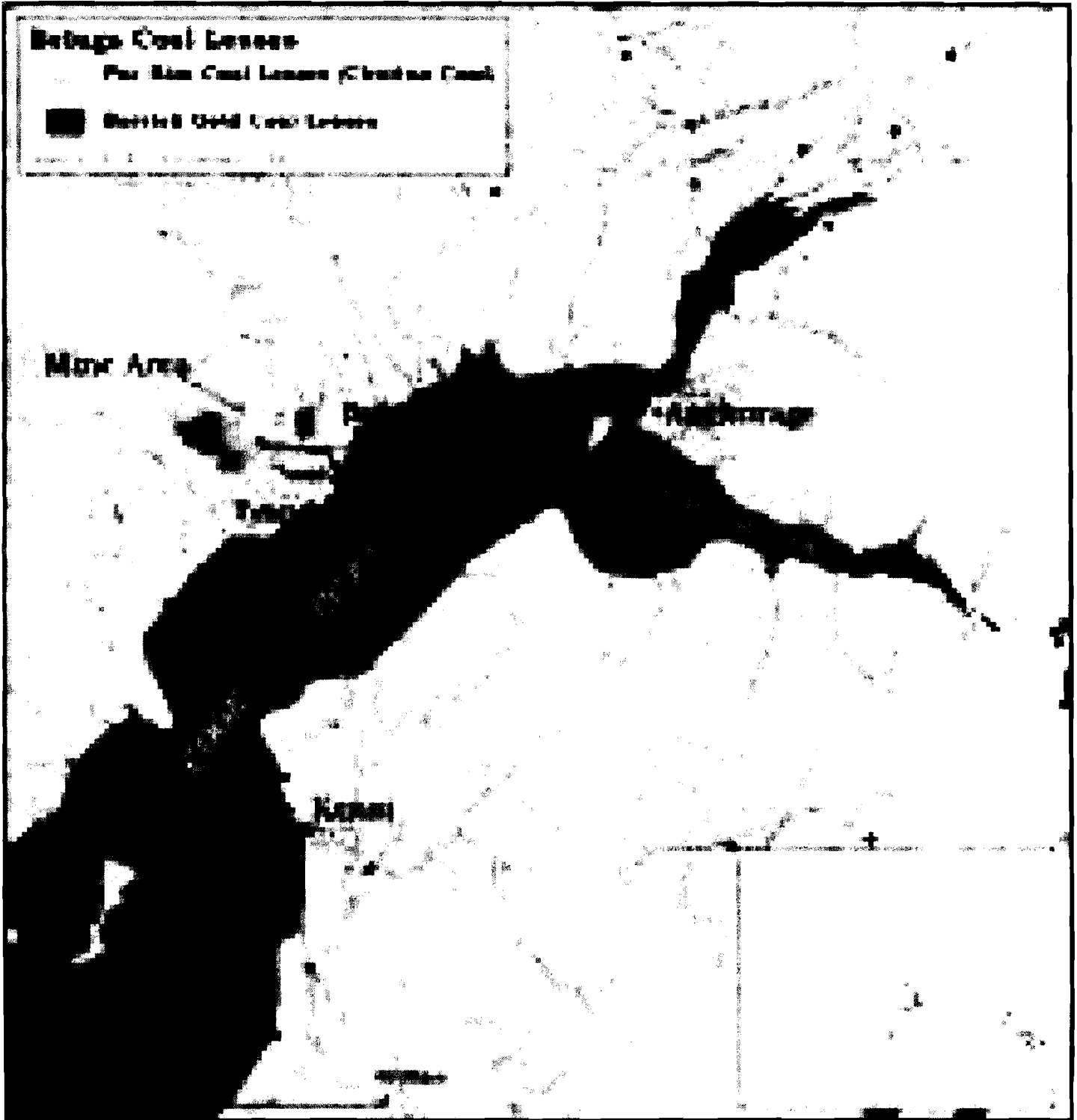
Design Coal Leases

Miner Area

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Reservoir

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Blankenship, Johni

From: John Lancaster [john.chiefstew@gmail.com]
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Subject: Re: Cook Inletkeeper Action Alert

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am very opposed to the current proposal to remove the 90 day notice requirement in lease option matters involving the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine. The Kenai Borough Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet. Kenai Peninsula residents should have the right and opportunity to comment on the final lease.

The Kenai Borough needs to be considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.

Considering the facts that the Chuitna coal strip mine might pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine has to be researched thoroughly. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy. This is very upsetting to me. Please do not let this issue go forward. Please Stop now and take the time to study this project more thoroughly. Thanks you very much for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

John O Lancaster
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Blankenship, Johni

From: johnsonkeagle@arctic.net
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 4:44 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rms@optialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Cook inlet coal mining

Dear KPB assembly members:

I am unable to attend the Tues. 11/18th meeting and wish to have my comments put on record in opposition to leasing land to PacRim Coal Co. Here are my reasons:

Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.

Please vote against removing the 90 day notice requirement and keep PacRim from destroying OUR public land!

Thank you for your time,
Michelle Keagle and Tim Johnson
Seward Residents

Blankenship, Johni

From: KBBI Business Manager [dorle@kbbi.org]

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 10:38 AM

To: Carey, Dave

Subject: Coal Mining

Dear Mr.. Mayor, and Kenai Peninsula Borough officials,
Please do not support the Chuitna coal strip mine project. It would seriously threaten our fish stocks and create water quality issues.
Thank you very much.
Dorle Harness

Blankenship, Johni

From: Luttrell Mark [prufrock@arctic.net]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 7:07 PM
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Subject: Ordinance 2008-31

Assembly members:

As I understand it, Ordinance 2008-31 would remove the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option for PacRim Coal. Passage of that Ordinance will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment. I see no advantage in that. Instead, there is greater advantage in extending the public comment period. The issues raised by the development of the planet's dirtiest fuel need greater public scrutiny, not less.

Mark Luttrell
Seward

Blankenship, Johni

From: Nina Faust [kachbay@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 8:57 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; Gary Knopp; Pete Sprague; Paul Fischer; Hal Smalley; Charlie Pierce; Bill Smith; Gary Superman; Ron Long; Milli Martin
Subject: Ladd Landing Lease

P.O. Box 2994
Homer, AK 99603

November 15, 2008

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, AK

Dear Assembly Members:

I have written before about the Ladd Landing lease for PacRim Coal to build coal storage and export facilities for the massive proposed Chuitna coal strip mine. Several times I have expressed to the Assembly that this project and the proposed dock facility is not in the best interests of the Borough. I am dismayed to see that the Borough is again considering a 25-year plus lease extension. Before going any further with this, it would behoove the Assembly to ask for a study of the economic impacts a massive, potentially polluting project like this will have on all varieties of fisheries, lost game on the 55-square miles, Cook Inlet water quality, and the health of Cook Inlet residents and wildlife (mercury in water, air pollution from coal dust, etc.).

Coal is old, dirty technology and strip mining is the worst, most destructive method of extraction. A strip mine that will be allowed to mine right through a salmon stream sets a terrible precedence for fisheries management in a state that has worked hard to protect its fisheries. Allowing roughly 7 million gallons of mine waste and polluting runoff to affect the Chuitna River is unconscionable. The project will affect 55 square miles of valuable fish and wildlife habitat!

I find it very disturbing that the Assembly is considering Ordinance 2008-31, that would remove the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option, essentially cutting the public out of the process. This issue is very important to all Borough residents, especially those who fish and to those who have an interest in seeing the Borough take a new direction on energy issues.

Voters have expressed a desire for more open government. I believe they want more involvement, more opportunity to express their opinions, not less. I urge you to remove the 90-day notice requirement in the lease option that would deprive the Assembly and Borough residents of a comment period on the 25-year final lease. This project is too massive and has too much potential to harm the fish and waters and habitat of Cook Inlet to deny public comment.

Furthermore, there are questions about where Pac-Rim would get the power for this project. In keeping with the desire to move toward cleaner alternatives, will this project be required to produce its own power from alternative energy rather than put a demand on the already strained local power companies? The popular trend is to seek new, cleaner methods of power production, and it would not be fair for local rate payers to have to compete for affordable energy with PacRim.

I urge the Kenai Peninsula Borough to lead the state by saying **no** to extending the lease option on the Ladd Landing parcel, a step that will help the Cook Inlet region by moving us away from developing an enormous coal strip mine at Chuitna. This strip mine will provide huge amounts of coal to Asia where it will be burned in substandard coal-fired plants that will release tons of CO2 and mercury into the atmosphere. Cook Inlet will get the toxics from the mine development, and Alaska will get mercury back in its air and water. There is no doubt about this!

We must make the hard political choices necessary to reduce greenhouse gases now. We cannot continue business as usual, including dirty energy as usual. Cook Inlet has tremendous alternative energy resources--tidal, geothermal, and wind for starters. Our Borough should be the innovator, meeting challenges to develop new, clean energy sources, and taking difficult steps to reduce greenhouse gases. Say no to dirty coal and its destructive, polluting mine by canceling this lease. Thank you.

11/17/2008

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

11/17/2008

Blankenship, Johni

From: olga vonziegesar [olgavonziegesar@hotmail.com]
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Subject: proposed coal mine

I have been a resident of homer and the kenai peninsula for 30 years. i am completely opposed to opening the peninsula to coal strip mining. please make sure there is adequate time for residents to voice their opinions on this proposed mine. Also it is important to many of us that an assessmnet of the damages to our livlihoods be considered. the reason alaskans are so much better off economically than most americans right now is because of our wild fish runs and our wildlife and tourist related businesses. do not jeopardize those please. sincerely

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Ray Group [raygroup@sewardalaska.us]
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Subject: Please see the attached letter

Greetings!

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Brian and Leigh Ray
PO Box 2287
Seward, Alaska 99664

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PO Box 2287
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Seward, AK 99664

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Greetings:

As residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the lease option that would allow PacRim to use borough lands for coal mining operations for the next 25 years or more. On Tuesday, November 18, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly will hold a public hearing on Ordinance 2008-31, which removes the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option. This would be a great mistake, in our opinion, since it would be so blatantly against public interests.

The problem has been explained to us and other Borough residents as follows:

Cook Inlet fisheries already endure numerous threats. Coal mining is a notoriously intensive land use that destroys fish and game habitats. The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine will dump an average of 7 million gallons of mine waste and runoff into the salmon-rich waters of the Chuitna River, which supports important Upper Cook Inlet fisheries. More importantly, this project would be the first in Alaska to mine directly through an active salmon stream. Cook Inlet possesses substantial coal reserves, and if the infrastructure for this project is built, over 55 square miles of salmon, moose and bear habitat will likely be mined.

Furthermore, removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and Borough residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease. This is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

Also, has the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses? They should! In fact, they should require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.

Lastly, the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

We want you to know that as residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, we will be closely watching the decisions made by those who serve the Borough. We ask you to please consider the interests of the residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough over those of big industry. At this juncture, we trust you to make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Brian and Leigh Ray

Brian and Leigh Ray

Blankenship, Johni

From: Rebekah Riley [rjralaska@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 5:22 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Subject: Chuitna Coal Project

I am not in agreement with waiving the 90 day notice requirement for leasing public lands for this project.

Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease involving PUBLIC lands. This is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years and longer depending on the waste management of the mine. We are all aware of the pitfalls all mines face while trying to manage their waste. All fail at some point...

The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

I believe the residents should be able to comment on these factors of the project involving our public lands.

Rebekah Riley
Seward

Blankenship, Johni

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Homer, AK 99603

November 15, 2008

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, AK

Dear Assembly Members:

I am opposed to giving PacRim a 25-year lease option regarding the Ladd Landing property. The Chuitna Coal Mine, a massive development that will have horrendous consequences to this area, is going to be allowed to develop right through a salmon stream, a terrible precedent. Global warming is accelerating, and allowing this coal mine by providing a long-term lease would be irresponsible, especially since the Assembly is considering removing the 90-day notice requirement, effectively blocking public review of the final lease.

The consequences of this massive strip mine to the Kenai Peninsula and Cook Inlet region is substantial:

- Mercury drift in atmospheric and ocean currents that will affect our salmon.
- Increased release of carbon dioxide by inefficient Asian coal power plants.
- Dust from the huge open pit mine.
- Potential problems for beluga whales from the extremely long dock.
- Potential oil spills from ships loading coal at this dock while exposed to the extremes of ice and tides in Cook Inlet.
- Possible interference with set netters or drift fishing in the area.
- Destroying a productive salmon stream.
- Dumping waste and polluted water into the Chuitna River.

This is only a partial list. My bottom line is, there is an alternative. Cook Inlet has wind, tides, and volcanoes for geothermal. The Borough must move to support alternatives rather than allowing an increasingly discredited fuel that some are calling for a moratorium on for use in power plants. The Chuitna Mine is the wrong project for this time in our history. We are at a turning point. Please do not renew this lease option for the Ladd Landing property and do not cut the public out of the process. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Roberta Highland

Blankenship, Johni

From: Ron Burnett [ron.akd@ak.net]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 4:14 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Cc: Carey, Dave
Subject: FW: Ladd landing

Please forward this to the rest of the board members.

Thank you

Ron burnett

Blankenship, Johni

From: Ron Burnett [ron.akd@ak.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2007 5:55 PM
To: Bob Shavelson; GrammyBeluga@aol.com
Subject: Ladd landing

March 8, 2007

Kenai Borough Assembly

Re: Ladd Landing, Beluga
Pac Rim Coal

I am writing to you with great concern over the new lease option on Ladd Landing. I own land in the Three Mile Creek Subdivision. This has become our home away from home. As you can tell by the tax records, my wife and I have been working for years to build our retirement home there. We have enjoyed the beach at Ladd Landing every summer. This is our only access to the beach.

According to the Kenai lands use provisions (Borough land) it is very clear that it is your job to preserve the land for recreation, fishing, hunting and wildlife. If any one of these items can be destroyed then it is your job to deny the lease. This land that you are willing to allow to be destroyed has Bald Eagles that nest there, Black and Brown Bears that summer there and ducks and geese that use this land for hatching there young. Migration up and down this corridor is also vital in their survival. Spruce hens raise their young and many other birds and small animals live on this coastal area.

This open storage concept on any land would be bad enough, but to do it at Ladd Landing would be a horrendous mistake. The constant winds would blow black coal dust everywhere. It would not only aid in the destruction of our inlet but would destroy a way of life for the people that live there and all of the people that visit there to hunt and fish.

The open pit coal mine of course would kill everything else. The coal company has put in writing that they plan on dewatering the coal field by pumping some 7.5 millions of gallons of water per day into Lone creek which flows into the Chuitna River. The man camp where they propose to house some three hundred people and the airport that they plan on building will also destroy the serene wilderness. Where and how do they plan on taking care of human waste? What about their landfill-more pollution and destruction. This pristine land is quite unique in that the wetlands that surround it have an ecosystem that is so great that the water is potable. This water has been tested for some 20 plus years and can give proof to its quality. Some of our best fishing in northern Cook Inlet comes from this drainage.

The open bottom coal belt that they plan on loading ships with will run overland from the mine and then out into the inlet approximately 10 thousand feet more-nearly two miles. The winds that come out of the arm from the southeast will blow coal dust from the belt and the stockpiles that will cover our beaches and yet kill more wild life. The dust in the air will kill people also. I do know too much about this, my grandfather and my dad both died of black lung from working in coal mines back in Ohio. The same companies want to destroy this land too. Yes, Peabody and Sunny Hill were and still are owned by the men who own Pac Rim Coal Company. If you need proof of how good there word is, all you need to do is go to Perry County, Ohio and you can see the destruction that they left behind. There are still thousands of acres of open pits, useless land with no top soil, and ruined and polluted water wells.

In the 1980s, this proposed coalmine area, including Felts Lake, Bishop Lake and Long Lake was earmarked for recreation use. It's vital that we keep this land for recreational use so that no one can say in

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the future that a huge mistake was made by Ron Long, John J. Williams, Colette Thompson and all the rest of us. We know better than to turn loose such a terrible destructive process.

We have the honor to live in this great state and we have the power to keep it great. If we let any one outside or in-state interest destroy it we have lost what we all came here for.

Ron and Bobbi Burnett
Land owners and part-time residents of Beluga

Blankenship, Johni

From: Stephen Stringham [wildwatch_consulting@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 1:48 PM
To: Carey, Dave; Assembly/Clerk, Office; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; merkes2@yahoo.com; mbgilman@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Cook Inlet belugas & coal mining

Dear Mayor Carey and Assembly Members Mr. Knopp, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Smith, Mr. Superman, Mr. Long, and Ms. Martin:

I just received an email from Cook Inlet Keepers alleging that the Borough Assembly is planning to eliminate normal opportunities for public input on leasing of Borough land – in this case on the west side of Cook Inlet, to support coal mining.

Although I doubt that preventing adequate public input is your intent, I will temporarily accept the possibility that the proposal could inadvertently have that effect. From that perspective, and speaking as an environmental consultant, I would like to advise caution:

Whereas the beluga whale has been listed as an Endangered species, and whereas President Obama seems likely to maintain or restore rigor of the Endangered Species Act, “we” will have to severely limit impacts on belugas over the next decade or few.

For the purposes of illustration, I will focus on just one kind of impact: acidification. The same basic argument could be made for other kinds of impact.

Dumping even “small” amounts of acid into fresh water can acidify lakes and streams; but sea water is much more resistant. Nevertheless, even the sea has limits. If those limits are exceeded and sea water becomes even a little acidic, this could drastically reduce productivity of Cook Inlet for commercial fisheries and ruin it as beluga habitat.

To prevent these impacts, we might have to limit the amount of acids dumped into Cook Inlet. Once we set a cap on acidification, we might need to budget the amount of acid effluent allowable from each source – e.g., coal mining. Just as we allocate various percentages of salmon stocks to commercial fisheries, sport fisheries, etc. we may have to allocate acid effluents among different sources. (We might even establish some sort of cap-&-trade program).

Accordingly, the more acid input we allow from existing sources, the less budget remains for adding additional sources in the future.

Only long-term planning and impact-budgeting can assure that we maximize economic and social benefits relative to each allowable increment of impact from acidic effluents or any other source.

Failure to budget impacts carefully could straightjacket Southcentral Alaska’s economy for decades into the future.

Leasing of Borough lands to support coal mining should be part of that overall planning and budgeting process

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Stringham, PhD

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President, WildWatch Consulting
a division of WildWatch LLC.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Joel Cooper [jcooper@cosmichamlet.net]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 12:04 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Ordinance 2008-31

Dear Mayor and Borough Assembly:

I am writing to comment on KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2008-31: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO THE OPTION TO LEASE LADD LANDING BETWEEN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND PACRIM COAL, LP TO REMOVE THE NINETY DAY NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR EXERCISE OF THE OPTION

I oppose removing the 90 day notice requirement for the following reasons.

- Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.
- The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.
- The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

Finally, last week the Environmental Appeals Board blocked the EPA from issuing a permit to a proposed coal plant addition near Vernal, Utah, about 150 miles east of Salt Lake City. Following a landmark 2007 decision by the Supreme Court that carbon dioxide could be regulated as a pollutant under the 1970s-era Clean Air Act; groups have been pushing the EPA to stop issuing permits to coal plants, which produce massive amounts of CO2 and mercury that is showing up in Cook Inlet halibut. The Appeals Board decided to send the decision back to the EPA with the instruction to come up with a nationwide plan for regulating greenhouse gases. The Appeals Board's decision combined with the Supreme Court ruling makes it likely that the EPA will begin using the Clean Air Act in way which will have implications that will reverberate through the economy. The stricter the EPA puts limits on carbon dioxide, the more money coal plant operators will have to throw at technologies to reduce their CO2 emissions. That will eventually make coal power more expensive, which will make solar, wind, and other low-carbon technologies more competitive.

Let's get with the program! It's time to start focusing our efforts toward development of renewable energy sources. Coal is too destructive and expensive!

Sincerely,

Joel Cooper and Marla McPherson
P.O. Box 3585
Homer, Alaska 99603
907-299-3268

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Marjorie j Hays [mjhays@alaska.net]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 12:00 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Subject: Coal - Ladd Landing lease

Please send the following message to the Assembly members:

It was disappointing to hear about another assault on Cook Inlet. Coal mining has always had a serious negative impact on water and air. It looks as if PacRim wants us to trust them to do a careful job. . . .for 25 years!

We hear about "clean" coal mining but where is it? (We looked at the one in Healy last summer; didn't look like much was going on. We wondered if it hadn't been economical to do "clean.")

There is also the economic implications of energy competition and the quality and quantity of fish.

At the very least, PLEASE do not deny us (and yourselves) the 90 day opportunity to think carefully about the impacts of such an action. This is not an issue to whip through lightly.

Thank you.
Marge and Hugh Hays
Box 2876
Soldotna
262-3908

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:44 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: coal strip mining

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-----Original Message-----

From: aklure@gci.net [mailto:aklure@gci.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 11:40 AM
To: Carey, Dave
Cc: Dwight Kramer
Subject: coal strip mining

Dave

Congrats on your new position.

I am vehemently opposed to using the Chuitna River for drainage of any kind of industrial waste water to the ocean. What is that saying to the rest of the world, about us putting the last great frontier's environment in jeopardy. Go visit Butte, Montana and the like. You will certainly understand what I am protesting against. Please consider all other options.

I am not against development of our resources, but this is not the way to go. Explore other options. Give your people a chance to comment and understand where this project is going.

Greg Daniels

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:51 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: In opposition of Ordinance 2008-31
Importance: High

fyi

From: caroline34@acsalaska.net [mailto:caroline34@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: In opposition of Ordinance 2008-31
Importance: High

Mr. Mayor,

1. Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.
2. The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.
3. The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

Sincerely,

Caroline Storm

KPB resident

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:54 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Leasing OUR lands to PACRIM..to sell to China????

From: Mat Cannava, MD [mailto:mmcannava@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: Leasing OUR lands to PACRIM..to sell to China????

Today the paper carried photos showing the clouds of smog and pollution which obscure much of China and are carried to Japan...and across the Pacific.

The Assembly is considering supporting and facilitating the developing of a giant coal strip mine on OUR (the public's...ie: mine too) lands across the Inlet...involving the Chuitna River...which supports an active salmon run. The coal would be shipped to the same coal plants in China that are spewing the smog reported on in the ADN.

How could anyone think it's a good idea to facilitate a project which is going to contribute to this problem???? It's unfathomable.

China's bad air affects Alaska

Peninsula Clarion, August 2008

Industrial pollutants from China's increasingly robust use of coal are plating out across the globe, including here in Alaska, brought here by storms crossing the Pacific Ocean transporting tons of airborne chemicals that shower onto coastal waters and inland where it they end up in the local food chain, according to scientists studying the phenomenon.

"We see the Chinese influence every spring and summer," said Prof. Cathy Cahill, a faculty member of the Chemistry Department at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, who has been studying the international transport of pollutants for 22 years, 10 of them in Alaska.

Much of China's air pollution is generated by coal-fired power plants, which produce three out of every four watts of electricity used in the country. Adding to the problems are coal-burning factories so numerous some estimates put their combined labor force at more than 100 million. Home stoves contribute still more coal-generated pollution.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:57 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Ladd Landing

-----Original Message-----

From: alaska@aloha.net [mailto:alaska@aloha.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 1:21 PM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: Ladd Landing

Dave,

I am writing to you regarding my personal feelings about the potential Ladd Landing lease. Not only is the concept of strip mining an outdated and environmentally dangerous pursuit for energy, but it is contrary to the alternative direction that new federal tax incentives are encouraging the country to head toward.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough needs to hear the opinion of all citizens, and shortening the public testimony time frame reeks of the same old thing coming from government.

thanks for what you do for our community.
Sincerely
Richard King

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:58 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW:

From: george overpeck [mailto:geopeck@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 5:59 PM
To: pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net; Carey, Dave
Subject:

Dear Kenai Bourough policy makers

I'm writing to ask you to not support Ordinance 2008-31 which removes the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option for coal mining in the Cook Inlet watershed, and to oppose all large scale coal mining for export outside the state. As a commercial and sport fisherman, I believe that the health of the watershed and uplands is more important than the profits of outside businesses. As a resident I think that nonrenewable resource extraction is the wrong direction for the state's economy in the long run. As a conservationist I believe that further use of dirty coal anywhere in the world pollutes all the oceans, more specifically the Pacific and adds mercury to our food chain.

thanks for your consideration - George Overpeck

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 3:58 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Ordinance 2008-31

-----Original Message-----

From: lltr@gci.net [mailto:lltr@gci.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2008 8:30 PM
To: Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfisher@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Ordinance 2008-31

Mr. Mayor and Borough Assembly members,

I am writing to express my dismay that Ordinance 2008-31 is even up for discussion. Why are you thinking of giving up our right of a 90 day notice on a long term land lease? We deserve to know more about this project and the long term impacts before the KPB agrees to a 25 year lease. This lease and project could directly harm Cook Inlet and the fish and wildlife that depend upon the habitat in the watershed. Salmon is a HUGE part of most everyone's lives on the Kenai Peninsula, commercial fisherman and women; sports fishers, hotels, B&Bs, restaurants; personal use fishermen/women and everything that goes along with; and last but not least subsistence users.

Please do not pass Ordinance 2008-31.

Thank you.

Lori Landstrom
Bear Lake Road, Seward

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jeanne Parker [jeannemena@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 1:33 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: coal mining

I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND TOMORROW NIGHTS MEETING BUT WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE PASSAGE ORDINANCE 2008-31.

By removing the 90 day notice requirement the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents lose the opportunity to comment on the final lease. The Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

There are serious economic impacts that this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.

Also HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

Do not circumvent public input!!!

Jeanne Parker,

866 Linda CT.

Homer, Alaska

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"A human being is part of the whole, called by us "universe", a part limited in time and space. We experience ourselves, our thoughts and feelings as something separate from the rest. A kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty... We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive." — Albert Einstein

Check out my new educational adventures at: sites.google.com/site/jeannesyurt/

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Jim Oltersdorf

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From: Jim Oltersdorf [mailto:highrisk@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 8:17 AM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: Jim Oltersdorf

Dear Dave,

I wanted to place both my name and my wife's, Lisa, into your e-mail box as a protest against the proposed coal facility across the inlet. I am sick as the dickens, been in bed for the last four days. I am too sick to come to the meeting tonight but without question, I wish for it to be known that we are totally against such a provision no matter what.

Sincerely,

Jim Oltersdorf

To: KPB - Jay Blankenship

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From: Suzanne Torian

KPB
CLERK'S OFFICE

FAX: 235-1052

Attn: Chaitna coal strip mine

I am opposed to Ordinance 2008-31

As well as the Chaitna coal strip mine.

We have the knowledge as to what strip mines do to our environment.

Do you have the intelligence to put a halt to these kind of projects?

Suzanne Torian

P.O. Box 3162

Homer, AK 99607

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Matt Gray [mgrayrbca@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 9:53 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Chuitna Coal & Ordinance 2008-31

Honorable KPB Mayor and Assembly Representatives,

I am writing because I strongly oppose Ordinance 2008-31.

The main economic backbone of the western Cook Inlet region depends on healthy fish populations. Fish runs in the northern Cook Inlet watersheds are already experiencing significant declines. We cannot remove basic public comment requirements just to allow a rapid lease of public property to coal mine developers. Ordinance 2008-31 would completely sidestep basic public involvement in a very important regional issue. Approval of this ordinance would be completely unfair and goes against the basic standards of a free democracy.

Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

The Kenai Borough has not considered the economic impacts this project will create from the loss of fish and game habitat that support vital sport, commercial, personal use and subsistence uses. The Kenai Borough Assembly must require an economic study in order to weigh the true costs of this project to Cook Inlet fish and game resources for the next 25-50 years.

America just voted for change; please uphold our right to comment (our right for an open democracy) and vote no on this ordinance.

Matt Gray, PE
PO Box 1097
Seward, Ak 99664

Blankenship, Johni

From: Jordie McTavish McTavish [rondon11@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 9:20 AM

To: Carey, Dave; Assembly/Clerk, Office; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net

Dear elected officials,

I have heard of the plans to contaminate the Cook Inlet fisheries which already endures numerous threats. Coal mining is a notoriously intensive land use that destroys fish and game habitats. This proposed Chuitna coal strip mine will dump an average of 7 million gallons of mine waste and runoff into the salmon-rich waters of the Chuitna River, which supports important Upper Cook Inlet fisheries. More importantly, this project would be the first in Alaska to mine directly through an active salmon stream. Cook Inlet possesses substantial coal reserves, and if the infrastructure for this project is built, over 55 square miles of salmon, moose and bear habitat will likely be mined.

More of My Concerns:

1. Removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option will strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.
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3. The proposed Chuitna coal strip mine would pull 50 megawatts of power or more from Chugach Electric's Beluga gas turbine. Homer Electric Association buys power from Chugach, so that means HEA ratepayers will be competing with PacRim coal for affordable energy.

Thank you very much.

Jordie McTavish
450 6th Street S.E.
Salmon Arm, BC
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Blankenship, Johni

From: Robin Lund [summersong@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 9:36 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Chuitna coal project

Please act to oppose removing the ninety day notice requirement to exercise the lease option to PacRim Coal for development of the Chuitna coal deposits. I would further like to register my complete opposition to the development of these coal deposits. Please do everything that you can to prevent their development.

Thank you.

Rob Lund
Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 5:04 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: 2008-31

fyi

From: Krista Nyberg [mailto:krista_nyberg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 4:55 PM
To: Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; mbgilman@gci.net; merkes2@yahoo.com; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: 2008-31

I am writing in regards to 2008-31 that will be brought up in the meeting tomorrow night. I believe this ordinance is a scary one and to take the public's 90 period away is disturbing, especially since you are elected officials of this community. Let the public speak, especially when it comes to a coal mine that could potentially harm the waters of the cook inlet. Please vote no on Ordinance 2008-31

Krista Nyberg
Soldotna, Alaska

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Blankenship, Johni

From: owright@alaska.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 11:16 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Subject: Beluga Coal Strip Mine

I am writing as a land owner (and tax payer) in the Kenai Borough. I find it abhor rant that the borough would consider removing the 90 day notice requirement in the lease option. That would strip the Kenai Borough Assembly and Kenai Peninsula residents of the opportunity to comment on the final lease; this is a long term lease (25 + years), and the Assembly has an obligation to understand the long term impacts of this massive strip mine project before locking into a project that will forever change Cook Inlet.

My family has owned property at the township known as Beluga since before statehood. We bought more property in the 1970's when the subdivisions went in. We were told the area was being developed as a subdivision/township NOT an industrial pollution factory. The mine is expecting to use and dump gravel around 3-mile lake which is a part of the recreation and food resource for residents of the area. The borough can not repair the damage the mine will do, and we have no doubt the mine will not repair it's damage as it is supposed to do. Strip mines have never followed through on the repairs/restoration promises.

What you do now in respect to this mine will have everlasting effects on the whole west side of Cook Inlet, as well as Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, and Kenai-Homer area.

How will this mine affect the proposed leases for geothermal and gas that is being pushed by the State? At least part of the gas infrastructure seems to be already in place and geothermal sounds like a very promising and non-polluting source of energy.

My family is vehemently opposed to the coal mine.

Sincerely,
Louise Kozisek, Louis Kozisek, LoisAnne Kozisek

Blankenship, Johni

From: northshoreink [northshoreink@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 11:21 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; Carey, Dave; pa12gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akjfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Coal Strip Mining

Coal Strip Mining

I am a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in Kenai. I currently reside on Lake Clark and I oppose Ordinance 2008-31.

I fail to comprehend how the Kenai Peninsula Borough can legally remove the ninety-day notice requirement to exercise the lease option for these lands. The public should have a right and adequate time to comment on such measures.

I am opposed to coal strip mining, as I am opposed to the use of coal power plants. Coal is one of the dirtiest, polluting forms of energy we have. Coal strip mining would further jeopardize Cook Inlet's fishing industry.

I DO support renewable energy projects, including wind, solar, geothermal, and some hydro projects. I wish the Kenai Borough would look seriously at renewable energy options before making deals with corporations such as PacRim Coal.

Anne Coray

northshoreink@mtaonline.net

Blankenship, Johni

From: Denise Lassaw [dpaljor@homernet.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 11:47 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Subject: comments on coal strip mine in cook inlet

Dear members of the Assembly,

After reading the available information on the proposed coal mine (ordinance 2008-31) across the Inlet, I just want to say that the scale falls on the side of benefiting a few people and destroying a huge amount of important salmon rich waterways and wildlife habitat. I am against this use of public lands ! We should not sacrifice our salmon industry, tourist/adventure industry, water resources, wild life habitat so a few fat cats can get richer and invite all their outside workers to Alaska. Even if there were some jobs for Alaskans when the mine is running it will never employ all the Alaskans who work in the fishing industry. And just by-the-way- burning coal is NOT the future, but it is rather the END by contributing to global warming. Lets get smart now instead of sick and sorry later. Alaskans must have input to decisions that critically affect their lives, even 90 days notice is not enuf but lets keep the 90 day comment period- its Democracy in action.

I am also NOT in favor of having my electric bill support a coal strip mine. Keep the coal in the earth and find ways to use wind, sun, tides, geothermal, its the 21 st century !

Sincerely,

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