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CD with pictures of Ladd Landing wash-out, mailed Jan. 26th ...

January 26, 2009

Marcus Mueller, and others,

I thought you might like to see these pictures taken a few months ago. As you will see the new road, rerouted around the Kaloa property, was not surveyed properly and culverts not placed according to run off. It has acted as a dam for water coming off the wetlands area, and then made its own path to Ladd Landing, causing a major wash out of the road and surrounding area. Since these pictures, another culvert has been put in, we will see if there is the same problem in the spring when we have a "REAL" run off of water from the wetlands.

This is just a little problem compared to what will happen if a conveyor road/support road for the mine goes in. It to will act as a dam (a huge damn) as it has too drain some where, either towards the Inlet or the Chuitna River. This is just ONE of the foreseeable problems for us on this side of the Inlet.

As Mayor Carey/Assembly, and others working for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, have not seen fit to come, see first hand, or listen to the property owners/land users it is very frustrating to say the least. The Ladd Landing lease with Pac Rim is not and option that we feel will benefit us in any way. It would bring destruction to commercial fishing, sports fishing, salmon spawning streams, game habitat etc., etc... It would bring pollution to the air we breathe, in the form of coal dust, noise pollution day and night, water pollution to our streams, lakes and our local water wells. I know you have heard this all before, BUT ARE YOU LISTENING????

You can not have a new ENERGY PORT for coal and still have what we have now. What we have, and use now does not destruct, you can't say that for the Ladd Landing Lease you have with Pac Rim. Please look at your own families and see if this is what you want to leave them for the future? It isn't what we want to leave our kids and grandkids to deal with!!

Lawrence & Judy Heilman
Full time Beluga Residents

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Bobbi Burnett [bx_ntrk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 7:57 AM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office; "dcarey "@borough.kenai.ak.us; pal2gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; gsuperman@gci.net; rms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Ladd Landing :(

With all the negative information on coal, how can you even think about possibly allowing Ladd Landing to become a coal port? The west side of Cook Inlet is worth more than that. You know what the people from Seward go thru when the coal trains come in for unloading. Ladd Landing would be in those circumstances continuously-without a break for the air to clear. The beach, including the fishing sites would become black. Just because we aren't right next to you in Kenai, doesn't mean we don't deserve clean air, clean water, clean beaches, salmon and wildlife to fish and hunt. When you look across the inlet you see beautiful mountains that sparkle in the cold. If you give up Ladd Landing to PacRim you will see a spreading black cloud and a horrific hole scaring the landscape. Coal is dirty and poisonous. The communities of Beluga and Tyonek don't want to become like the dirty unhealthy towns of Appalachia. We plan to retire in Beluga and we have invested many years trying to make that come true. If PacRim is allowed to mine as they propose, the conveyor will run dangerously close to our HOME. The dust and the constant noise will make our HOME uninhabitable. I'm begging that you don't allow Ladd Landing to become a coal loading facility for outsiders. Our health, our home and area we love are in your hands, please treat them as if they were yours.

Bobbi Burnett
Anchorage/Beluga

Blankenship, Johni

From: Harold I. Rodgers [hrodgers@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 8:44 AM
To: millimom@xyz.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; gsuperman@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; cpierce@gci.net; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; akjfischer@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; pa12gary@hotmail.com; Carey, Dave; Assembly/Clerk, Office
Cc: GrammyBeluga@aol.com; Terry Jorgensen
Subject: Ladd Landing Lease

As I wait wondering if Mount Redoubt will erupt, I accept Mother Nature's power that precludes my ability to change her mind . I do not accept the power of a governing body deciding the fate of coal in the Beluga area. This is not an act of nature, but a an act of greed to destroy the air, water and land intended to be protected by man for the good of all inhabitants(man, animal, fish and fowl).

Please consider my plea to let our land be free. Vote no on the "New Energy Port" at Ladd Landing in Beluga.

Thank You,
Brenda Rodgers
Beluga Land Owner

Blankenship, Johni

From: coho@ak.net on behalf of Terry [coho@ak.net]

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:10 AM

To: Assembly/Clerk, Office

Subject: Ladd Landing Lease public hearing

Kenai Peninsula Assembly clerk

Please forward the following materials to the Assembly and Mayor for the record and their consideration at the Ladd Landing Public hearing on Tuesday evening.

Project Update

Note the location of bulkhead island in relation to set net leases that are represented by the square boxes directly off of Ladd Landing. Note that the island dock has been moved from directly on top of shore fishery lease to directly in front of lease.

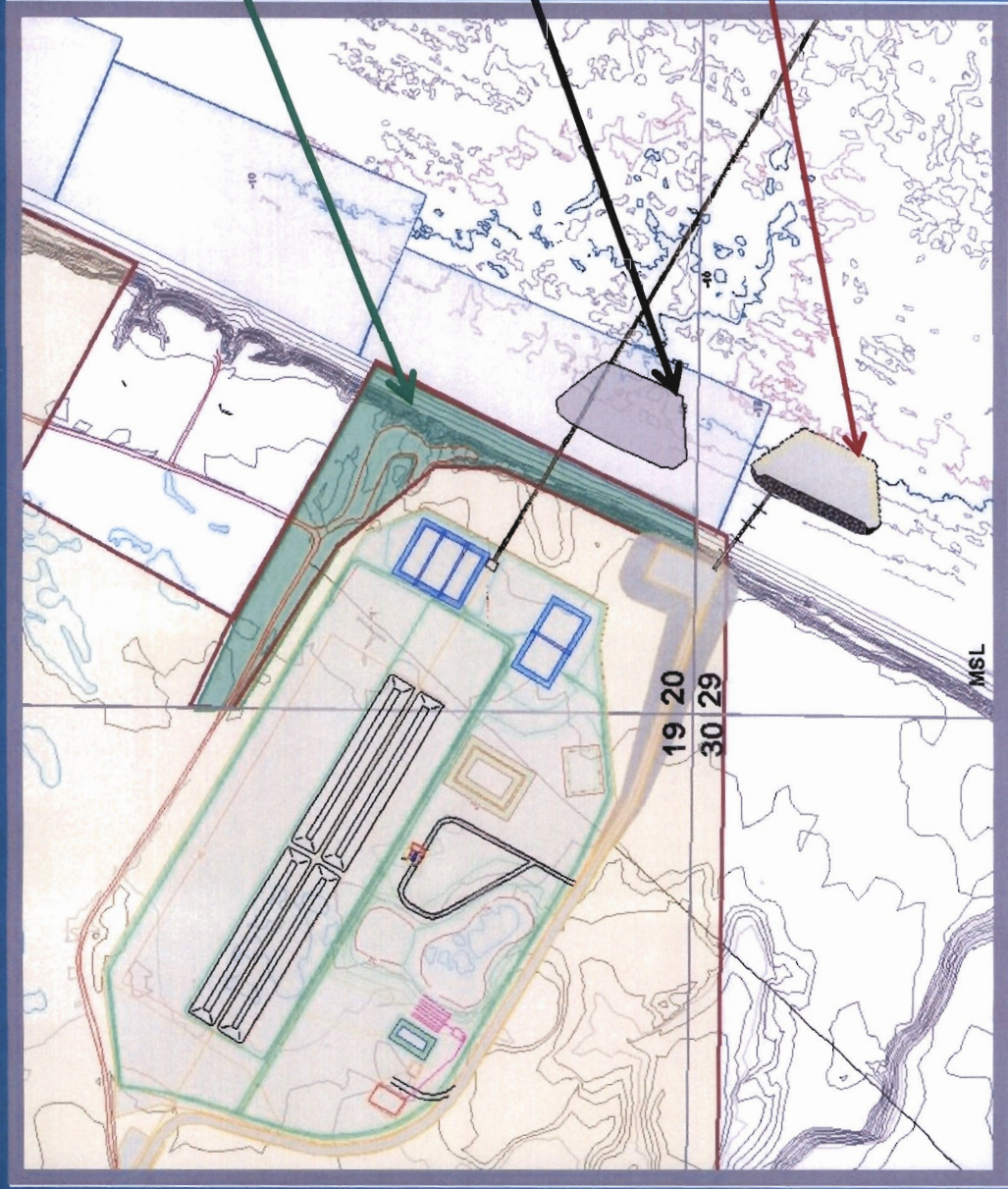
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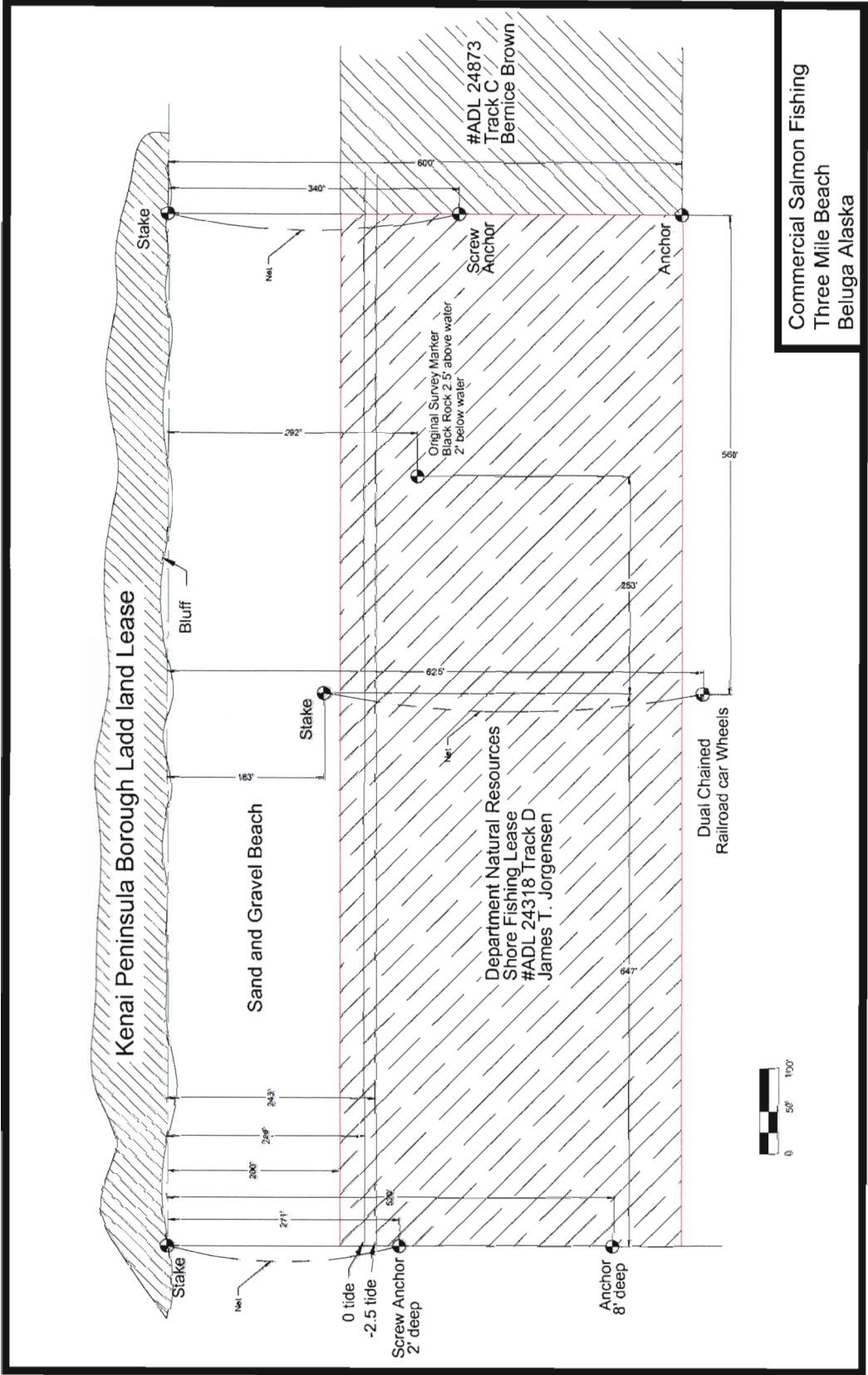
This is a survey of actual fishing operations in front of Ladd

Ladd Lease Letter

This is a letter you may still have that explains the problems of commercial fishing with proposed energy facility.

Ladd Landing





Commercial Salmon Fishing
 Three Mile Beach
 Beluga Alaska

November 19, 2008

Mayor Carey, Members of the Kenai Borough Assembly, and Land Management Office.

Re: The Ladd Landing Lease you are about to consider will have a tremendous land use impact on the Kenai Peninsula Borough property owners, commercial fisherman, and recreational users of Tyonek and 'Beluga.

My name is Terry Jorgensen and I have been commercially fishing Three Mile Beach directly tied into the Ladd Landing since 1981. This beach has been continuously been fished by fish traps and/or set nets since the 1890's. The citizens of the state of Alaska own this beach and submerged lands which I lease with ADL 24318, Tract D Shore Fisheries Lease. The citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough own the uplands directly north of my lease and have elected many of you as caretakers in leasing these public lands to various coal concerns for thirty years. Three Mile Beach in the Ladd Landing area is relatively steep for the first 250 feet offshore and has been used as a barge landing by Chugach Electric and numerous oil companies since the Beluga Gas fields were discovered in the 1960's. Landing operators and commercial interests have worked well in recognizing commercial fishing property rights. Because a large storm washed out Ladd Landing, Grant Landing was created less than ½ mile northward to continue the Beluga barge landings and gas drilling operations in the past few years.

It is very important to understand that Pac Rim is planning a major energy port facility with three major components that will completely change the land use of the Beluga/Tyonek area and my livelihood. The first is a 250 million ton uncovered coal storage facility adjacent to the waters of Cook Inlet on Kenai Peninsula Borough land. The second is a 800x300 feet manmade island structure in the waters of Cook Inlet with supporting pilings and bridge to the Ladd Landing area. This island is to be located 320-570 feet offshore directly in front of 4 valid shore fishery leases and long term fishing operations. The third is a 10,000 feet piling-supported trestle facility driven into Cook Inlet and attached to Ladd Landing. Although Skip Joy, with the Corps of Engineers and Robin Swineford, with DNR's offshore leasing department will oversee the consistency review of the permit request for Cook Inlet waters, both recognize the importance of the KPB Ladd Landing Lease you are about to consider. Although Federal and State officials will be in charge of the consistency review of the mining corridor and mine site itself, all coal and its potential physical and legal impacts will arrive on KPB land at Ladd. The Kenai Peninsula government then is in a unique position to incorporate language in the lease that protects Borough citizens and is consistent with Federal and State law.

With this thought in mind, I came before the KPB Assembly and Mayor Williams and discussed this matter on the record in Feb of 2007. During this meeting I handed out written materials and maps to all members so they could visualize how this would impact citizens of the Borough on the other side of the Inlet. I requested a public hearing at Beluga or Tyonek to address the concerns of residents. This meeting has still not taken place. I appreciate the response and concerns stated by our Assemblyman Gary Superman and Mr. Marcus Mueller in the Land Management Office. We all agree this decision cannot be made without good information. I have attached a letter that explains

the nature, seasons, and impacts that this development would have on commercial fishing. Listed below are stipulations that I feel the Ladd Landing lease should incorporate to protect the residents and commercial fisherman of Beluga and Tyonek.

Ladd Landing Lease should support the Coastal Management Plan principle as outlined in 6AAC80.070#16 Select sites where it will not interfere with fishing operations. Stipulations to support this on Three Mile Beach should include:

1. No year around docking island structure can be attached to Ladd Landing
2. No commercial barge traffic can interfere with regular scheduled commercial fishing periods. By regulation the Northern District King Salmon fishery opens on Memorial Day in the last week in May and continues for four consecutive Mondays from 7AM to 7PM.
By regulation the general salmon season opens the first Monday or Thursday after June 25 and continues until the end of the year.
Typical peaks of Sockeye are July 14-August 5; Coho: July 22-August 15; Chum: July 24-August 10; and Pink: August 1- August 10th.
3. No commercial structure, pipeline, cable system, waste materials, or equipment may impede commercial fishing on three Mile Beach
4. Any offshore trestle attached to Ladd Landing must be enclosed to protect the waters and fish resources of Cook Inlet.
5. All coal Storage shall be located at least 400 feet from Cook Inlet and 400 feet from existing private and commercial fishing water wells.
6. All coal storage piles will be covered, watered, or treated to prevent air pollution into Cook Inlet and adjacent private property and be in compliance with DEC coal pollution regulations enforced after major coal dust problems in Seward, Alaska.
7. Any offshore fuel transfer facility attached to Ladd Landing must be located one-half mile offshore of MLW.
8. All fuel storage tanks will be located at least 200 feet from Cook Inlet.
9. All runoff water from coal storage areas at Ladd Landing must be drained westward and not placed directly into Cook Inlet.
10. Traditional right of way to Three Mile Beach by commercial fishermen and citizens will be granted at Ladd Landing.

I feel it is reasonable to issue a short term lease without these provisions until a complete application has been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, and the State of Alaska. Pac Rim has no offshore lease at Ladd, and they have not submitted a revised Ladd Landing

application outlining major concerns of local residents or fisherman. In fact it may be, according to regulators, up to three years before all the permit requirements have been met. If a major energy port is created on KPB property at Ladd it is critical to review Federal, State, KPB laws and regulations in place to guide reclassification before any long term lease is issued. This Ladd Landing Lease is at the center of future utilization, development, and conservation of KPB lands on the North side of Cook Inlet and will greatly affect its people. All government originates with the people of Alaska. Public hearings are therefore critical to determine the impacts on Beluga and Tyonek. It is reasonable to hold these hearings both in Kenai in the winter and Beluga/Tyonek in the summer. It is consistent with the public interest to carefully review the impact of this energy port as:

outlined in the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code, all lands or interests in lands or resources owned by the borough must be classified or reclassified in a manner consistent with the purposes and policies of KPB lands ordinances. KPB 17.10.080(B). The purpose of classification is to designate the most appropriate uses for land and “thereby guide borough management of such lands and implementation actions to provide for the identified uses.” KPB 17.10.080(A).

The policies that guide borough management of land and resources (and with which classification decisions must be consistent) are as follows:

- Efficient acquisition, management, classification and disposal of borough lands;
- Promotion of orderly development;
- Protection and orderly management of borough’s natural resources;
- Preservation of borough lands and resources for wildlife habitat, scenic value, recreational needs, and historic needs;
- Retention of borough lands essential for health, safety and education needs;
- Orderly disposal of lands and resources in a manner that is “fair to all.”

outlined in KPB 17.10.080(E) Lands are classified or reclassified based on needs identified in the borough Comprehensive Plan, or based on a recommendation from virtually any interested party, including a member of the public.

outlined in Alaska Statute 44.62 (f), 46.40.210 1(c d f) AAC Title 6 80.070, 89.130 under the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan.

outlined in the Alaskan Constitution Article 8 sections 1,2,6,8,13,and 16.
Article 1 sections 1,2,15,18 and 23.

outlined in Federal compliance standards for the placement of structures and the discharge or fill material into coastal water. 320-323,33 CFR Vol. 42 of the Federal Register pp. 37133-47

outlined in United States Code Title 16 Conservation Chapter 35-Endangered Species Sec 1537A, 1535, 1536, and 1533.

This is not a time to rush to judgment concerning the Ladd Landing Lease. This is a time to carefully inform your self about the issues related to creating a major energy port at Ladd. The KPB holds the critical link from mine to tidewater with this lease. Now is the time to gather information and listen to the concerns of commercial fisherman like myself and local residents that will be greatly impacted. Every state and federal regulator has appreciated walking tours of Ladd by local residents. If your position allows you control over this area will you be willing to walk the beach with local citizens? In all the meetings I have attended at Beluga, Anchorage and Tyonek I have never heard one single person who favors this development as it is planned. It is essential that public hearings and informational meetings be held as the lease options and stipulations are being considered, not after the fact once the lease has been written.

If you have any specific questions about how we fish Three Mile see the attached letter. If you have any questions concerning any proposed stipulation I will be glad to explain at your convenience. I will be glad to participate in any committee or aid in setting up a formal hearing in Tyonek or Beluga next summer.

I await your considered and timely reply regarding this most important issue,

Terry Jorgensen.

Cc	Three Mile Beach Commercial Fisherman
Mayor Dave Carey	Casey Volk
KPB Assembly Members	Bernice Brown
Skip Joy United States Corps of Engineers	Marilyn Barksdale
Senator Kookesh	Kevin Barksdale
Representative Salmon	Thomas Hasbrouck
Ed Fogels DNR	Ward Grant
Tom Crafford DNR	Richard Volk
Robin Swineford DNR	Robert Freeman
Russell Kirkham DNR	Helen Kurtz
Judy & Larry Heilman	John Mario
Brent Johnson KPFA	
Steve R Braund President Northern District Set Netters	
Mark D. Vinsel Executive Director United Fisherman of Alaska	
Bob Shavelson Cook Inlet Keepers	

Blankenship, Johni

From: Milli [millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:10 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Ladd Landing Lease

Please add this to the file. Would you also print a copy for us. The map I find of interest and others may too.
 Thanks,
 Milli

From: Ward Grant [mailto:wards19thhole@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:10 PM
To: dcarey@borough.kenai.ak.us; pa12gary@hotmail.com; pa12gary@hotmail.com; akjfisher@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; gbschm@wm.edu; rlms@ptialaska.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Fw: Ladd Landing Lease

I apologize, I am sending this corrected copy of my letter. Please ignore previous letter.

Ward Grant

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From: Ward Grant <wards19thhole@yahoo.com>
To: dcarey@borough.kenai.ak.us; 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
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 3:48:47 PM
Subject: Ladd Landing Lease

Dear Kenai Borough Members,

1/28/2009

I am writing this letter to clearly state my opposition to any extension of the Ladd Landing Lease for Pac Rim's Chuitna Coal Project. I have written many of these letters over the past couple of the years. The faces on the board change but the issue of allowing Pac Rim the right to off load it's coal at Ladd Landing goes on and on.

On the face of it I could site the Borough's conflict with the spirit of its own leasing policy which states:

1. The protection and orderly management of borough's natural resources.
2. The preservation of borough lands and resources for wildlife habitat, scenic value, recreational needs and historic needs.
3. The orderly disposal of lands and resources in a manner which is "**fair to all.**"

The Grant family has lived and commercially fished since 1950 on 3-mile Beach and the Beluga area. We have complied with all laws and regulations concerning our fishing activities and land use prescribed by first the Territory of Alaska and then the State. We have dutifully paid our taxes to the borough. In return we expect fair representation. So please do your job and represent us and not an outside coal operation that is here for only one reason, to exploit the natural resources at the expense of your constituents.

I have a more specific reason to ask for you not to provide an extension on the Ladd Landing Lease. Plain and simple if Pac Rim is allowed to use Ladd Landing for off loading coal than their plans to build a trestle and artificial island right on top of my families fishing sites may come to fruition. Attached is a copy of the plan update for building of that artificial island. Although Pac Rim has proposed to move the island from right on top of our fishing sites to the south, the same result will take place. 3-mile Beach is a shallow tidal area with currents running up to 8 knots. Large amounts of sand and silt move along the beach. In addition,

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salmon as they move up the inlet toward their spawning rivers move along the beach area. Now put up a wall 600 ft wide and 800 ft long. There will naturally be a build up of sand and silt around this artificial island and the normal movement of salmon will be altered. In fact the salmon will be pushed out off the beach. What do you think the fishing sites behind this obstacle will harvest? Yet we paid in good faith to the State for limited entry permits for a reasonable opportunity to catch salmon.

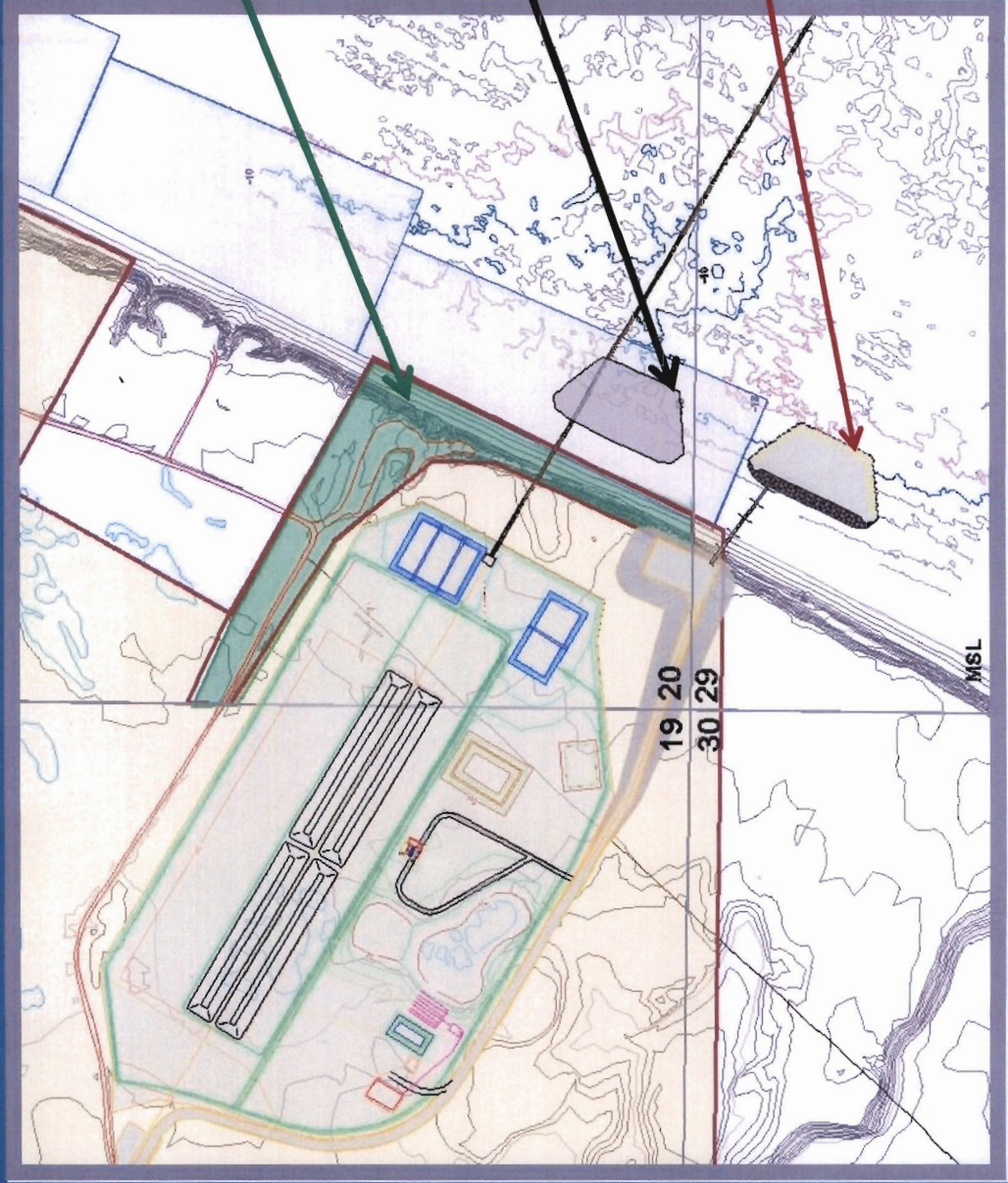
Now I understand that the Borough does not control activities in the tidal areas. That is the State's responsibility. Yet the Borough does control the land leading to these tidal areas. The fact a large energy port at Ladd Landing will have a devastating effect on the habitat and on our commercial fishing activities is not just theory but fact.

My father, Frank Grant, settled in Alaska in 1939. He just passed away in December at the age of 97. He spent most of his life in Alaska in and around the 3-mile Beach and Beluga area. He loved it for its beauty. He respected the fact he was able to make a living and raise a family by not taking advantage of nature but by living with it. He understood progress and grudgingly accepted the changes that came. But he could not understand how something as devastating as an open pit coal mine with its destruction of the natural order of things for man or animal could be allowed simply because there was money to be made. He asked me just before he died to appeal to the decision makers for them to do the right thing and not destroy what he loved for selfish short term goals. I am appealing to you now to do the right thing and stop Pac Rim's efforts to lease Ladd Landing.

Respectfully,

Ward Grant

Ladd Landing



Tract A
Public Access

Bulkhead Island
Original Location

Relocated
Bulkhead Island

Blankenship, Johni

From: Olin Wright [owright@alaska.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 2:15 PM
To: Assembly/Clerk, Office
Subject: Ladd Landing Lease

I am writing to voice dissent to the Ladd Landing Lease. We are land owners on the west side of Cook Inlet about 2miles from Ladd Landing. Our family, along with many other people, bought more land at Beluga Township with the promise from the Kenai Borough that the area was being developed as a subdivision, with homesites and recreational areas. I know many people who frequently visit the area for recreation, but who do not own property now. They have no intention of buying land at a strip mine and industrial port.

The coal mine will make an industrial cesspool out of the area destroying fish and game habitat. We have voiced our outrage before but it seems Kenai Borough is hell-bent-for-election to put that coal mine through. If the Seward coal facility can not keep the coal dust under control, what makes you think it will be any better at Ladd Landing? We get 90 mile an hour winds out there. Moving the piles won't do much as the coal will be uncovered during storage and will be transported to the ships getting the full brunt of those winds. We just had a supply ship get crushed by the ice in Cook Inlet. What happens WHEN it happens to a ship full of coal? That will foul our beaches, estuaries, streams for years. We all have seen what coal pollution is doing elsewhere, how can you possibly allow it to happen here? Please hear us and realize there is a lot more value to the fish and game habitat, the open wild places of Alaska than a few thousand dollar Kenai Borough will receive. My husband and I are of one voice on this matter and our TWO voices urge you to decline the Ladd Landing lease.

Sincerely,
Louise Kozisek
Olin Wright

Blankenship, Johni

From: scottsue@alaska.net
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:57 PM
Subject: Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal

Email scottsue@alaska.net
First Name Scott
Last Name Miller
City Homer
State AK
Subject Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal
Comments Dear Assembly Member,

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PacRim Coal will destroy the Chuitna River and pollute Cook Inlet by strip mining an area the size of Anchorage for coal. I urge you to choose local communities, healthy salmon and clean water over the interests of coal exports to China.

According to the developer's own permit applications, the project will dump an average of seven million gallons a day of mine waste and runoff into the Chuitna River, resulting in billions of gallons of pollutants entering Cook Inlet fisheries each year.

Importantly, this would be the first project ever permitted in Alaska to mine directly through an active salmon spawning area. This is a horrible precedent in Cook Inlet, where salmon play such a vital role.

Finally, Alaska halibut and cod are already suffering from rising mercury levels due to Asian coal-fired power plants. Chuitna coal to Asia will only add more mercury to our fish and the families who consume them.

Some Facts The lease option holds the Kenai Borough over a barrel; let the option expire and work with PacRim to re-negotiate the lease if needed.

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Date submitted February 2nd, 2009. 08:57 pm

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From: alaskanadventure@gmail.com
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From: akmoonlit@yahoo.com
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Email akmoonlit@yahoo.com
First Name Linda & Geneva
Last Name Feiler& Craig
City Homer
State Ak
Subject Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal

Comments Dear Assembly Member,
It is not a situation when you are asked to make us money but, a very dire situation for you to act to protect our food sources and our air. WE rely on you to act FOR us by protecting us and our children and NOT to make money for yourselves or others.
Do the right thing
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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:19 PM
Subject: Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal

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Subject Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal
Comments Dear Assembly Member,

I am writing now to express my strong support for healthy, wild Cook Inlet salmon, and to ask you to vote "no" on Ordinance 2009-02 regarding the Chuitna coal strip mine.

PacRim Coal will destroy the Chuitna River and pollute Cook Inlet by strip mining an area the size of Anchorage for coal. I urge you to choose local communities, healthy salmon and clean water over the interests of coal exports to China.

According to the developer's own permit applications, the project will dump an average of seven million gallons a day of mine waste and runoff into the Chuitna River, resulting in billions of gallons of pollutants entering Cook Inlet fisheries each year.

Importantly, this would be the first project ever permitted in Alaska to mine directly through an active salmon spawning area. This is a horrible precedent in Cook Inlet, where salmon play such a vital role.

Finally, Alaska halibut and cod are already suffering from rising mercury levels due to Asian coal-fired power plants. Chuitna coal to Asia will only add more mercury to our fish and the families who consume them.

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Subject Please do not lease Ladd Landing for coal mining
Comments Dear Assembly Member,

Sending Alaska coal to China is a doubly bad idea. The process of mining will pollute our valuable salmon waters with billions of gallons of mine waste annually, and when the coal is burned in China the air pollution it causes will drift our way and give us a second dose of toxic reminders of our mistake.

Coal is the energy solution of the past. Coal burning is the source of most of the greenhouses gases that are causing global warming. The world needs to close coal plants, not build more of them. If we don't get serious about reversing greenhouse gas pollution our children will pay the price.

Please do not lease Ladd Landing to PacRim Coal. It's a no-brainer.

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From: russellmumm@hotmail.com
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State AK
Subject I wish that Ladd Landing not be leased to PacRim
Comments Dear Assembly Member,

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Subject Coal /Mercury in water causes Miscarriages !!!
Comments Dear Assembly Member,

PLEASE vote "no" on Ordinance 2009-02 regarding the Chuitna coal strip mine.

I grew up on LAke Erie - our shores were FULL of DEAD Fish from the coal powered car plants in Detroit. The by product of Mercury is the biggest problem and is one of the main causes of MISCARRIAGES in women. IT is very similar to the PCB run off from farms in the midwest where miscarriages were the highest number in the country due to their drinking water levels of mercury.

Don't let Alaska become Tennessee for heavens sake. IF there is any reason what-so-ever you have become an Assembly member it may in fact be to make sure this does not happen to your home, family, neighbors and friends.

You have the power to save thousands of lives maybe even your unborn grandchildren.

Coal was a good deal in the 1800's. There is no reason on earth to support coal at this time in history.

Kenai Peninsula in particular has scads of wind power, its clean its abundant, its renewable AND IT COULD CREATE A BUNCH OF JOBS.

There is a reason Santa brings bad kids coal at Xmas; it is dirty and gross!

It's up to you to save our fisheries and our daughters' dreams of carrying a child full term.

Thank you so much,

Joan M. Stempniak

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