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Subject: 2012 DNR rejection notice Nuvista Permit application for Chikuminuk studies.
Attachments: Special Park Use Permit-LAS 28479.pdf; Attachment A Public Comments LAS 28479-Nuvista.pdf

Dear Senate Committee on Community and Regional Affairs.

I regret not sending this earlier.

I think this is pertinent back ground information and an indicator of public interest regarding SB 32 .

Attached is the letter DNR sent to Nuvista explaining their rejection / denial of their application for Hydroelectric studies at Chikuminuk.

I have also attached the DNR file listing the numerous public comments opposing the study.

DNR response: to Special Park Use Permit-LAS 28479

Please pay close attention to the bottom of page 2 Recommendation.

from DNR: Attachment A Public Comments LAS 28479-Nuvista:

Please note that this issue first reached the local public last May just days before a Wood Tikchik Park Council Meeting.

Bristol Bay area citizens had little to no awareness of this funding and study before that meeting. They were taken by surprise.

Nuvista staff attended and seemed either to be oblivious to the existing park laws or utterly unwilling to acknowledge the existence of those laws.

The impression they gave to the public was that they did not have to abide by the laws, almost bullying.

It was very alarming; as if they thought they were above the law.

Additionally the Nuvista staff could not provide basic details on the work they planned to do, the equipment they planned to use.

Further, though they promised to follow up on specific activity and equipment details with individuals - they did not.

Overall they made an extremely poor impression on Dillingham residents and did not inspire confidence that they were a conscientious or responsible company to allow into the park in any manner.

I understand that eventually Nuvista obtained limited permits in 2012 to conduct minimal activities that could be allowed under park regulations.

As far as I know their activities were in compliance though at time stretching the limits of allowed activities (using float planes for boats where motor boats are prohibited).

thank you for your attention to this issue.

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Subject: Follow up to Feb 8 hearing on sb 32

February 8, 2013

Dear Senate Committee on Community and Regional Affairs and Senator McGuire.

Thank you for taking my testimony this morning.

I neglected to tell you a little more about my background and would like to share it here:

Graduated West Anchorage High School 1972.

Graduated 1977, UAF with a BS Fisheries Management.

My biggest research paper during college was an extensive look at the effects of hydroelectric development on Pacific Salmon with a bibliography of over 400 references.

Worked for Alaska Dept of Fish and Game first seasonally then full time from 1973 to 2002 at which time I retired. My seasonal experience ranged from Bristol Bay to Susitna River and Alaska Peninsula Salmon Fisheries. My full time work was 10 years as an assistant area biologist in the Bering Sea, Aleutians and Alaska Peninsula shell fish fisheries.

I completed my ADFG career in Bristol Bay and Kuskokwim sport fisheries; the last four years as the Area Biologist. In those last four years I put a lot of effort into developing projects jointly with local Native Organizations to foster better data and understanding between area subsistence and sport anglers.

I now work part time for the UAF Bristol Bay Campus as a lab and field technician.

I currently volunteer as the secretary of the Nushagak Fish and Game Advisory Committee;

- Dillingham City Port Advisory Committee,
- Chair of the Friends of KDLG,
- Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council,
- I also served as a board member forming what is now the Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust, a local effort to address the area's Native Allotment holders' desire to obtain some monetary value from their lands while preserving their access, subsistence and traditional uses of those lands.
- Before my retirement I served briefly on the Wood Tikchik Park Council as representative for the Dept Fish and Game.

I appreciate your careful attention to this issue and for providing another opportunity for stake holders to testify.

Sincerely,

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