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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:35 AM
To: House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>
Subject: Opposition to nominee to the DEC, Jason Brune

Representative Tarr, and Representative Lincoln,

I am sending this e-mail to voice my opposition to Gov. Dunleavy's nominee for Commissioner of the DEC. The mission statement for the DEC is:

"Conserving, improving and protecting Alaska's natural resources and environment to enhance the health, safety, economic and social well-being of Alaskans."

Jason Brune worked for Anglo-American. He has been a spokesperson for Pebble Mine. He was the executive director of the Resource Development Council, and he has run a PAC for mining. **This is a MASSIVE conflict of interest.** The DEC issues permits necessary to develop Pebble, and Jason Brune has no record of ever favoring environmental protection over mines.

It looks as if Gov. Dunleavy appointed this man just to push Pebble through. How can you put foreign mining ahead of the Alaskans in Bristol Bay? They have a sustainable fishing economy that could be ruined by the largest open pit mine on earth. Is his nomination ethical? To me it is like putting a Big Tobacco lobbyist as head of the FDA. It's ludicrous! Please listen to the people opposing his nomination. The head of the DEC should not have a pro-mining agenda. He should have the interest in keeping Alaska's waterways healthy for the future of an established fishing industry and the people who live in this great state.

Sincerely,

Janis Klug