

Sen. Chris Birch

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Subject: Jason Brune DEC Nominantion

Chairman Birch and Senate Resources Committee Members,

I was astounded to learn of Governor Dunleavy's nomination of Jason Brune to head the Department of Environmental Conservation and urge you to vote against his confirmation. In his positions as Public Relations and Governmental Affairs for multinational mining company Anglo American and as Executive Director of the Resource Development Council, Mr. Brune has promoted the development of the Pebble Prospect without reservation.

This in light of strong scientific evidence that the proposed mine will be detrimental to Bristol Bay fisheries and communities which depend upon them. He has disregarded the opposition of the majority of Alaskans who oppose Pebble. It's crystal clear that he is incapable of making an unbiased decision regarding permitting for Pebble or other resource extraction proposals.

We need the DEC to represent the interests of all Alaskans, not that of outside, multinational corporations. As we develop our resources it is vital to do so with the best scientific guidance available and in a manner that protects the way of life, health, and well being of people affected. Non renewable resource extraction activities must not have license to destroy our biological, renewable resources in the interest of short-term profit for corporate investors.

Mr. Brune is not qualified to lead the DEC. Please do not confirm his appointment to this important position.

Best regards,

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