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Thank you for your time and energy serving the people of the State of Alaska. I worked for ConocoPhillips for many years across Cook Inlet. When Hilcorp came into the picture I got to work with them as well and compare their way of doing things. Repeatedly Hilcorp made every attempt to cover up accidents, both human trauma and environmental and they continue to. **Hilcorp cannot be trusted to operate safely under the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.** In 2017, Hilcorp let a broken gas pipeline go un-repaired for over 4 months, leaking 100,000 cubic feet per day destroying habitat critical for many ocean species. According to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation records, over the course of operations in Alaska, which began in 2012, Hilcorp is responsible for over 90 crude oil spills or discharges, including spilling 10,000 gallons on Alaska's North Slope in 2015. Having worked with them, I guarantee there are multitudes of infractions that have been hidden or unrecorded. Their record is so bad that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has concluded that Hilcorp has a culture of disregard for regulatory standards: **"The disregard for regulatory compliance is endemic to Hilcorp's approach to its Alaska operations...Hilcorp's conduct is inexcusable."** **Please do not allow this to go forward. We are killing our oceans. Please listen to the dictates of your soul as you make these decisions. Do the right thing.**

Withdrawing water for directional drilling and fracking will require up to 16 million gallons per well. Anchor River Critical Habitat would not be able to survive drawing down that amount of fluid from the water tables. Peatlands and wetlands so vital in combating climate change... will dry up. Any remaining water will be warmed - destroying essential fish habitat. Have any of your family members been displaced by fires in the lower 48? Climate change is real and Alaska is not immune to it.

Kachemak Bay meets every criteria for a United Nations Biosphere Reserve. Do not jeopardize this extraordinary and unique environment by approving this risky business. This area is one to protect. Please do your best to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sue Christiansen