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# Bristol Bay Borough

June 6, 2005

Mr. Bruce Jenkins  
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Mr. Bruce Jenkins:

The Bristol Bay Borough would like to thank Northern Dynasty Mines for its efforts to inform the people of the Bristol Bay Borough by holding area meetings and giving a general overview of their mining plan. We understand that it is still early in the planning stage and many of the details and exact extraction methods have not been determined.

The Bristol Bay Borough supports open dialogue between this region's inhabitants and Northern Dynasty and encourages Northern Dynasty to keep all informational channels open.

It is of foremost importance that consideration for our abundant renewable fish resource take precedence when planning for mining operations. Concerns that many of us have are; the amount of water needed to operate such a large scale mine, the size of the tailings pond and leachate problems and destruction of a pristine wilderness area and what reclamation steps will be taken for closure plans.

With all our concerns, we remain supportive of the present process and would like to continue to be involved to the greatest extent possible. We offer our services, (Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center) for training, facilities, (King Salmon Airport, and Port of Bristol Bay) to meet your transportation needs, and our various meeting rooms for continued information dissemination.

These are exciting times for the region and the Bristol Bay Borough, and we look forward to working with Northern Dynasty Mines in its planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Swain Sr.", is written over a faint, illegible background.

Michael S. Swain Sr.  
Bristol Bay Borough, Mayor