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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

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The Kensington Mine Project has undoubtedly been an economic boon to the region, particularly to Juneau. United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters supported this project in its original form, recognizing the positive impact it would have on the region, diversifying the economy.

We were alarmed to see Kensington cited for numerous violations, over a number of years, of conditional permits recently. While we do understand that adhering to permits can be challenging, we would expect Kensington to make every effort to comply with said permits in every way, in an expedient manner. We would also expect the various permitting agencies for the expansion of this project to be vigilant in seeing that the conditions of those permits are met and adhered to. It is really a matter of public trust, in both the industry and the governments of the permitting agencies.

Moving forward, USAG is supportive of this expansion, recognizing the economic benefit to the region, and seeing minimal, if any impact on our fishery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Worhatch".

Max Worhatch, Executive Director, United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

