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Comments: Hello,

I live in Juneau and have a small homestead cabin directly across the canal from Berner's Bay and the Kensington mine. My family relies on the waters of the area for healthy, local fish and shellfish. I am deeply concerned with the prospect of increasing the size of the tailings pond and dam. This puts the area at even greater risk of a discharge of acid rock water. The lifespan of the mine has been extended and may be extended again. I support this and the necessary economic stimulus the mine provides to Juneau. I don't support the expansion of a dam and tailings which will certainly outlive the mine and its funders. In a place with as many earthquakes and more recently landslides as Southeast Alaska, this is wildly irresponsible. A collapse of the dam or a massive discharge is inevitable. You can't expect any structure to last forever. There have already been so many wastewater violations into Slate Creek with the existing systems and allowing a flawed system to expand instead of switching to the more stable dry stack method is also irresponsible. A large acid discharge would devastate marine life and the food supply of many. I beg the Forest Service to make Couer Alaska switch to the safer dry-stack method for the prolonged conservation of Berner's bay and the people who depend on the food that Berner's Bay provides. Your grandchildren will thank you.

Oliver Price