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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Chitna dip netter, fishery habitat biologist, and member of the Copper Country Alliance I am concerned about the potential gas pipeline on the habitat of salmon and other Alaska fishes.

Construction in pristine areas can cause the thawing of permafrost, resulting in erosion and siltation that could have a significant negative impact to fish habitat including critical spawning areas.

Alternately, such lines can freeze non-permafrost areas, which can make the pipeline move in a process known as "frost jacking". If a chilled line freezes ground water and streams, fish and their eggs can die.

ANGDA claims that their 24" line is too small to cause these impacts. The State of Alaska needs an independent and scientific evaluation of this claim. A fisheries resource plan is also needed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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