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Meeting Minutes
Water Resources Inputs

Mary Tunuchuk-Chefornak

Talks about the old village they used to live in the past. She used to travel while growing up. She talked about how we need to keep our environment clean. Back then, things were just so clean unlike today we are living in. Keep our coastal areas clean, riverbanks, ponds and nothing like the air quality was known. Back in the old days, food was abundant and plants were edible. Today we need to clean up because tomorrow is for our children.

John Jimmy Sr.-Chefornak

Talks about his parents and explains on how to handle the catch of fish. Handle the fish carefully, don't get it rotten because it will feed you. Also, keep the campgrounds clean. Don't throw away anything on the ground. Listen to our Elders, treat the environment well and it will give you something in return.

Tommy Kusaik-Chefornak

Traditional Council: Talks about Calista Corporation members talk about the mining. Using explosives-Said that this will kill the fish in the rivers and edible plants when smoke rises from the explosives.
Also, Calista is working without the Alaskan Natives concerns.

John Jimmy Sr.-Chefornak

We could work together as a village and fight this mining.
Not only will it affect the environment it will also affect our people with sickness.

Billy Chagluak-Chefornak

Our water resources need to safe. i.e. Donlin Creek mining: It's creating a vast effect on villages that are near the Donlin Creek Mining.

Oscar Wassillie-Chefornak

Talks about one of the Elders before he passed away that the white man will try to trick natives into following them. (Using Money)

Maria Erik-Chefornak

Added what Oscar said about her late husband. Her latest husband had told them not to get fooled by the white man. They will trick us. We'll run out of resources-food, fish, drinking water.

Food is our only resource today, edible plants, waterfowls, how are we going to protect these resources. Co-manage with Cenaliulriit management- John Oscar
Commercial Barges-dumping in the ocean
If the project is going to hurt us lets not welcome it.

Ella Tulik-Nightmute

There are different ways of a white man to trick us into letting us believe in them. (Using Money)

Stanely Anthony-Nightmute

Back then in Nightmute, blackfish was abundant. These river sides were there with lots of fish, but leaving fish traps in the rivers were probably affecting the fish and declining the numbers of fish.
Also the beavers are declining the fish.

Peter Mathew Sr.- Chefornak

How we are having drinking water today. Is that being mixed with acid rain or from the smoke. We are still drinking rain water.