

Biographies of the Participants

Moderator

Dick Mylius has lived in Alaska for 34 years. He retired from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in December 2010, where he had worked for 29 years. From 2004 until his retirement he was Director of the DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water. The Division manages all state-owned land.

Dick started work at the Alaska DNR in 1981. He first worked at DNR as a land planner, serving as lead planner for state land planning projects in Bristol Bay, the Copper River Basin, and Southeast Alaska. He also managed several projects to select lands for state ownership to fulfill statehood act land grants. During his career, he has conducted over 100 public meetings regarding state lands in Alaskan communities from the tip of Southeast to the Northwest Arctic. Prior to work at DNR he was employed for a small consulting firm in Anchorage and previously worked as a land planner in Northern New York State.

Since retiring, Dick has done volunteer work with the Anchorage School District and also taught several training sessions on Alaska's state land history.

Dick holds a BA in Geography from the State University of New York and a Master of Regional Planning from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources. He has two adult daughters. Dick and his wife Sally Gibert have been members of Alaska Common Ground since its founding.

Advocating for a "Yes" Vote

Christina Salmon is the eldest daughter of Dan and Julia Salmon. She grew up in Igiugig and attended the University of Alaska Anchorage, focusing in Journalism and Alaska Native Studies. In addition to serving on the Igiugig Tribal Council, Christina serves on the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly and the Igiugig Native Corporation. Christina also works as a Trespass Officer for the Native Corporation maintaining Village rules and regulations on Native Corporation lands. She enjoys fishing and berry picking in the summer and most importantly, enjoys the time with her three children: Aiden, Keilan, and Dannika.

Anders Gustafson after moving to Alaska at the age of 18, Anders graduated from the University of Alaska, Anchorage creating his interdisciplinary studies degree focused on leadership and global problem solving.

Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Anders had the opportunity to work as a fishing guide in Bristol Bay his first summer here. Since that first experience he has never missed a Bristol Bay salmon season. This is currently his 18th consecutive year that he has guided fishing in Bristol Bay.

During this tenure Anders felt compelled to speak out for the protection of the rivers he had fished. As the Pebble deposit was discovered and promoted Anders joined the growing coalition opposed to the development of the deposit due to its conflict with the fishery. Working as an outreach director Anders took to the fairs and streets and spread the message across Alaska and the US. In recent years Anders became the Executive Director of the Renewable Resources Coalition & Foundation and has worked tirelessly to educate Alaskans and the world about the risks associated with the Pebble Mine project.

With an intimate knowledge of the region and the value of the renewable resources at risk, Anders and his organization support the protection of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve and support Proposition 4 on the November Ballot.

In addition to the role of Executive Director of RRC & RRF Anders also serves on the board of the Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust, has 2 small children and spends as much time as his wife will allow with a line in the water.

Advocating for a “No” Vote

Richard Hughes is the Managing General Partner of H2T Mine Engineering Services, LLP, providing mine safety, mine resource / reserve calculation, mine design, project feasibility, equipment evaluation, reclamation, project management, mine surveying, operations analysis, claim staking, conveyance, and computer program development services to the mining industry. Fifty-four years of experience. Mining engineering graduate from the MacKay School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno, 1960.

Worked in western US from 1960 to 1975 undertaking various mining activities, including gold and silver exploration, project development, and mining of copper, gold, mercury, and barite in various locations. The experiences included working at the now-defunct Butte Operations of the Anaconda Company where the position of General Manager was held.

Worked at the Rössing Uranium Mine in SW Africa (Namibia) from 1975 – 77 as Ass’t General Manager then General Manager. Served during the development and commissioning phases of the project which were very problematic. This was the largest uranium mine in the world at the time.

Returned to US in 1977 to take a management position with Exxon Minerals at the Highland Uranium mine in Wyoming. This led to a move to Houston, TX in 1979 to manage Exxon’s Pinõs Altos polymetallic project in New Mexico. The project was sold in 1981, which led to a move to Alaska.

Alaska mining experience includes: Arco Alaska on the North Slope as Director of Quality Assurance and Safety. Served as project manager for Ryan Lode Mines & for Tricon Mining, Fairbanks. Has provided mining consulting & management advise for various projects in various locations in Alaska. Worked for the State of Alaska in DCCED as a Minerals Development Specialist. Provided consulting cost program development for the Department of Revenue, State of Alaska.

Registered professional mining engineer in Nevada and Alaska; immediate-past chairman of the Fairbanks Branch of the Alaska Miners Association, and past Statewide President of AMA.

Interest in the Bristol Bay Initiative tweaked my interest because of its implications. The politicization of the process and the usurpation of permitting authority from the Administration by moving approval to the legislature for large mining projects is simply wrong; it will set the stage for this approach to be used in other areas and for non-mining projects to the point of driving the natural resources industry from Alaska.

Deantha Crockett is the Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association, a post she began on June 1, 2012. Previously, Deantha served as projects coordinator for seven years at the Resource Development Council in Anchorage. In that role, she led issues and policy for the mining and tourism industries. She managed RDC’s efforts to fight the cruise ship head tax and mining shutdown ballot initiative campaigns, and administered the Alaska Alliance for Cruise Travel, an organization promoting Alaskan-owned

tourism businesses.

Deantha is a Board Member for the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska and was appointed to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board by Governor Sean Parnell in 2013.

Deantha was born and raised in Anchorage and Big Lake, Alaska, and is a graduate of the University of Alaska. In 2006 she was one of 55 delegates to the first Conference of Young Alaskans. She enjoys soccer, fishing, hunting, snowmachining, and enjoying all that Alaska's outdoors has to offer.