

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 2008 Position

Support for the Kensington Gold Mine

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce supports full life of mine operations for the Kensington Gold Mine. To accomplish this, the State Chamber urges continued negotiations and settlement by Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Lynn Canal Conservation and the Sierra Club of the pending lawsuit by joint agreement to an alternative tailings management plan, in order to achieve safe and environmentally responsible mine production in 2008. In addition, the State Chamber urges the Department of Justice, the State of Alaska and Goldbelt to support Coeur Alaska in its efforts to obtain certification of the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The litigation is of critical concern to the State of Alaska and other western and U.S. states where this important “primary industry” occurs.