

Tuluksak dredging postponed

The Interior Board of Land Appeals has granted a request by the village of Tuluksak that Northland Gold Dredging be prohibited from mining near Nyac until the Board decides the village's appeal of Bureau of Land Management approval of permits for the mining operation.

Northland Gold wants to divert a portion of the Tuluksak river to dredge its bed for gold. Villagers assert the action will harm their

subsistence resources, notably salmon, and argue that the environmental assessment upon which BLM based its approval of the mining plan is inadequate.

The recent action by the Board doesn't really change the situation at all. Northland head, Chuck Hawley said the company wasn't planning to do any dredging this summer anyway.

The Board expects to make a ruling on the appeal sometime next month.