

Eklutna clarification

In our last issue we ran a story on efforts by the Native Village of Eklutna to block development of a quarry near the village by National Bank of Alaska. Feedback from readership suggested that the story may have unintentionally understated the impact of quarry operations on local culture and well-being, and the deeply-felt concerns of Eklutna residents about these impacts.

Indicative of both their immediate concerns, and their underlying values of land tenure, residents have acted through their federally-recognized tribe, the Native Village of Eklutna, to appeal the approval of quarry operations granted by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission. It is our hope that the needs of Eklutna will receive a fair hearing through this process, resulting in a sensible resolution.

For the record, the story incorrectly identified Lee Stephan as village chief; he is CEO of the Native Village of Eklutna. The name of Malcom Ford, Alaska Center for the Environment, was misspelled. We regret the errors.