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[EXTERNAL] Commenting Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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I strongly oppose drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I live in Alaska and have traveled and worked in this region and in the communities incl. Arctic Village, Venetie and Kaktovik — where people, culture and tradition will be directly effected by the proposed. I have traversed the land, tundra, Brooks Range and coast line; I personally believe this place represents what is the most amazing American wilderness; a unique place like nowhere else, to be protected for future generations to come. More importantly, the proposed have not been properly introduced to those living here; their input and concerns are not being considered; Not even something as simple as a survey requested here for the community as a whole to express opinion has been supported—on the contrary. What is proposed will have consequences for way of life, that of whaling, hunting and all other aspects of subsistence living. History will be a harsh judge if this is snug through like this. Have the courage to have real debate and give the people that live here, and have lived here for eons, the opportunity to have an actual meaningful seat at the table.

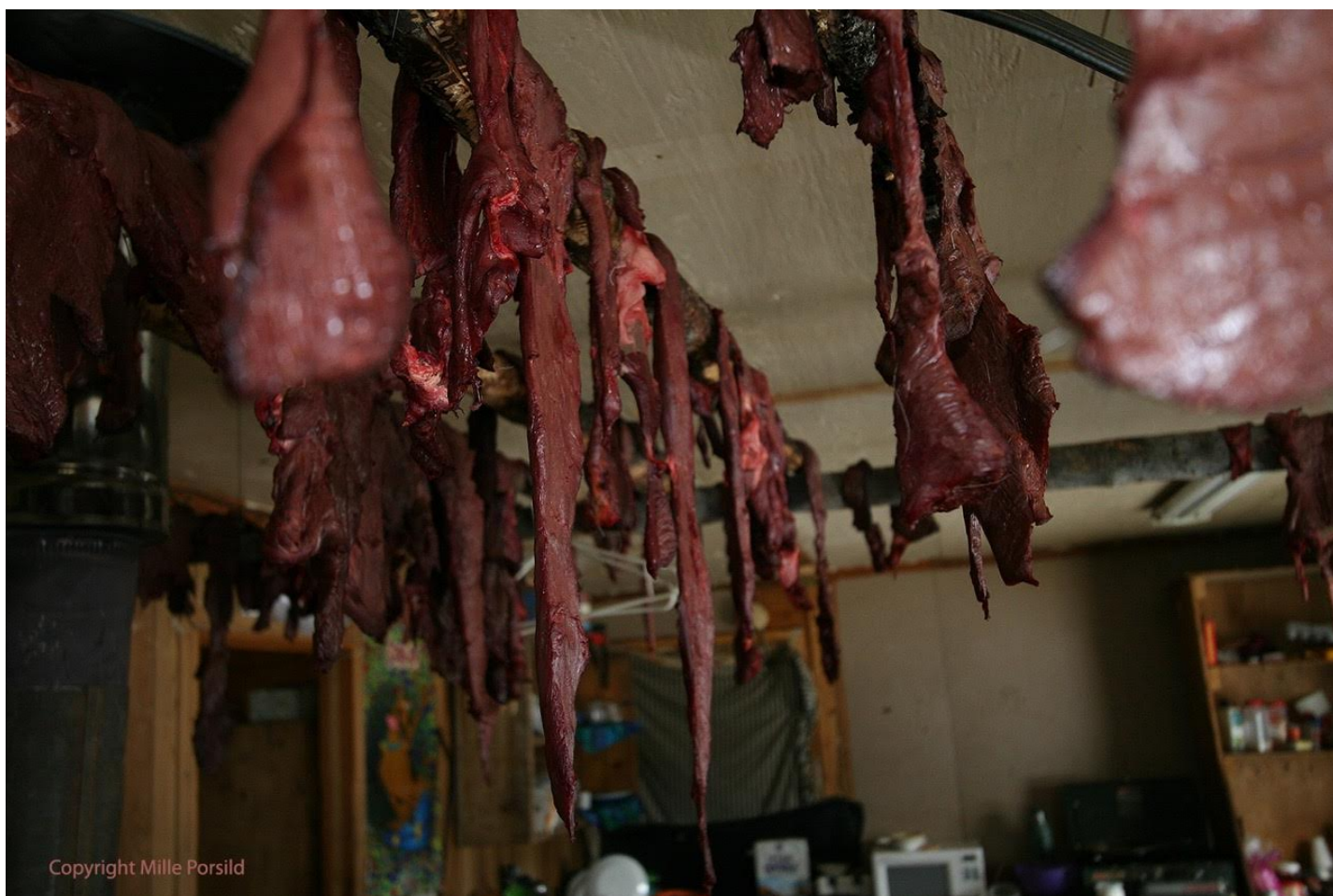
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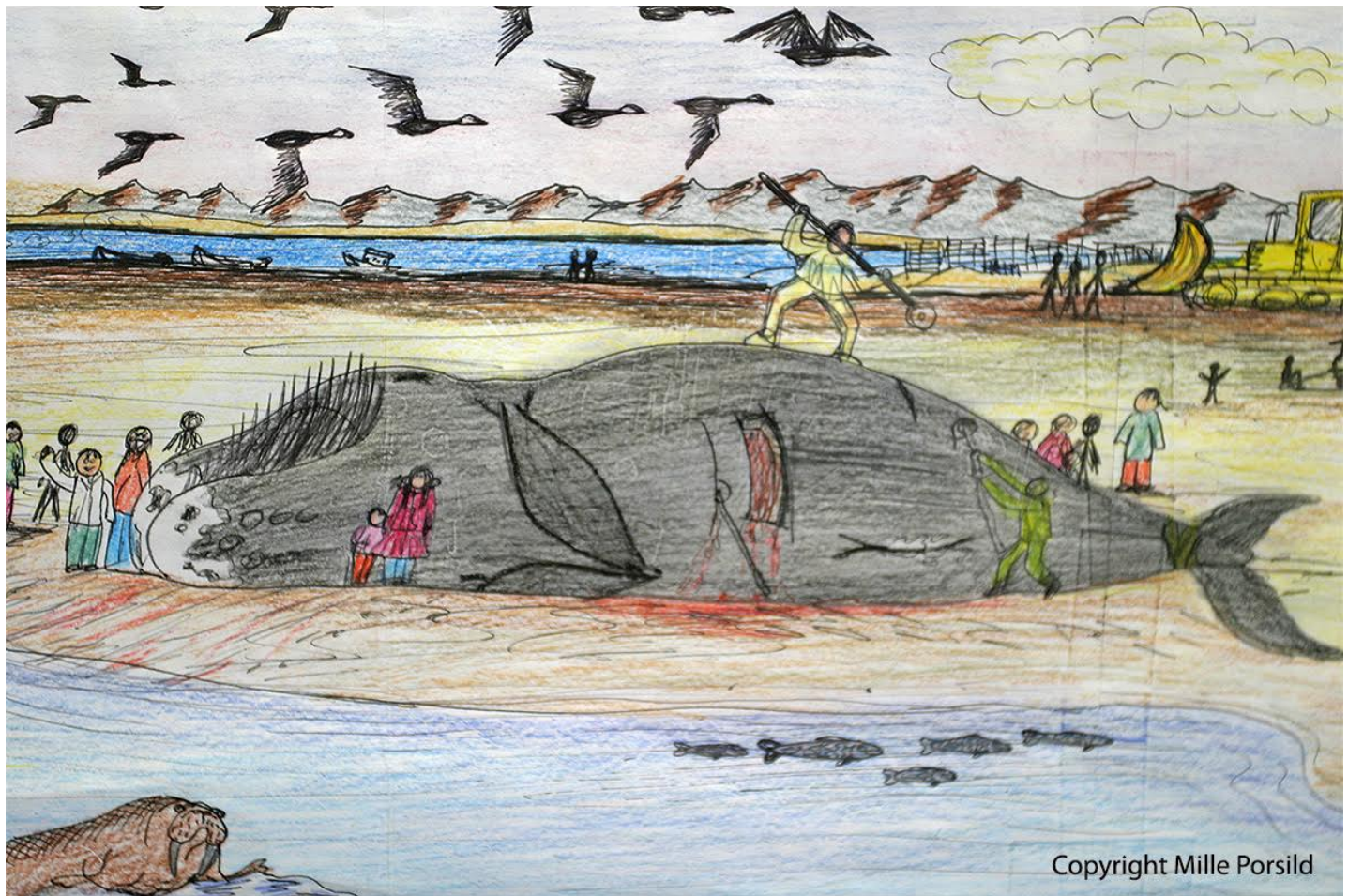
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