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### **Environmental journalist Bill Carter speaks on global mining boom and food and water impacts**

On April 22, activist, writer and filmmaker Bill Carter will provide a tour of the global mining boom and explore the health and environmental implications in open-surface extraction of copper ore. From boardrooms of investors in London to the mountains of Indonesia, Carter connects the dots from his humble backyard garden to the CEOs of the multibillion-dollar global copper industry—confronting a resource that is so vital, yet which has the potential to cause horrendous and irrevocable damage to our planet and ourselves.

The Earth Day evening event, “It's All Connected: The Web of Life, Food Webs and Mining,” will be held from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m., followed by book-signing and reception with Bristol Bay salmon treats from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW Twelfth Ave., Portland. Registration is accepted at the door with a suggested donation of \$10 to \$20, but RSVPs are appreciated to [oipl@emoregon.org](mailto:oipl@emoregon.org) or call (503) 221-1054.

A panel will follow Carter’s presentation to explore how faith communities, tribes and fishermen collaborated to oppose a copper mine in the watershed of Bristol Bay, home to world’s largest sockeye salmon runs. On Feb. 28, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency decided to initiate a process a process under the Clean Water Act to identify appropriate options to protect the watershed, after concluding that the proposed Pebble Mine would have significant impacts on salmon runs. Panelists include John Copp, philosopher and poet who fished in Bristol Bay for over two decades; Reid Ten Kley, whose family runs a salmon CSA featuring Bristol Bay salmon; and Tyler Edgar, director of Creation Justice Ministries, who organized Alaska faith leaders to provide a moral voice in opposing the Pebble Mine.

Carter won the Arizona/New Mexico book award for *Boom, Bust, Boom* and is the award-winning director of the documentary film *Miss Sarajevo*, a film made in collaboration with U2 and shot from within the besieged city of Sarajevo. His articles have appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and more. He is also the author of *Red Summer: The Danger, Madness, and Exaltation of Salmon Fishing in a Remote Alaskan Village*.

This event is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and with First Unitarian Church's Community for Earth. Connecting ecological and human wellbeing in the context of faith is at the core of EMO's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns' (INEC) mission and work and this event celebrate INEC's 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary with an evening to explore these connections.

*Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns connects, inspires, informs and empowers people, congregations and religious institutions to work for justice and the care and renewal of the earth. EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.*