

Doniece Gott

From: Jeremiah <jeremiahstack@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Senator Kevin, HB 77

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I appose this bill asan Alaskan,

Thank you for not supporting it!

Jeremiah Stack,

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From: jeffrust1 <jeffrust1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 9:49 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB77

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Hello,
I strongly oppose the ridiculous ness of HB77. I cant believe my goverment is so corrupt as to actaully try to pass something such as HB77. I want you to consider this official written testimony on HB 77 and part of the public record.
Thank you and have a great day
Jeff Rust

Doniece Gott

From: Malcolm Herstand <malcolm@axiomalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 9:54 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Oppose HB 77

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I want to add to the testimony that I have a work background in hydrology and ecology research, and I know that in-stream flow reservations are a very useful tool for conservation of fish populations and entire natural communities. In-stream reservations will likely be an even MORE important aspect of public input in the future as the state will see more and more pressure on its water resources. HB 77 seems flawed to me, removing the ability of the public to request flow reservations and generally limiting public input to natural resource management is not the right step for the state to take.

Malcolm Herstand
Anchorage AK

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From: Patricia M Ahneman Jr <pmajr@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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Dear Senator Meyer,

Although I am not a state resident of Alaska, I have been and worked in the Bristol Bay area, flying salmon from the rivers to the canneries. Bristol Bay is one of the most beautiful places on earth and the salmon industry is quite important to everyone in the world, not just the people of Alaska.

An Open Pit copper mine would be disastrous! Nothing good would come of allowing this company to proceed with this copper mine. Then, others would be permitted to do the same, until the people and the salmon industry, as well and the beauty of this area were destroyed.

Please do not permit the copper mine to succeed! Protect the people who are looking for you to help. Not the greedy big business who will pollute the waters, destroy the environment and wipe-out two industries, salmon fishing and tourism.

Thank you for listening and voting against the Pebble Beach Mine.

Sincerely,

Patricia

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From: George Krumm <george@fishalaskamagazine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:04 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Do not pass HB 77

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Dear Senator Meyer,

Please include this email as part of the official written testimony on the bill and added to the public record.

I oppose HB 77 in its current form. I'd like all Senators rework the bill and to **uphold the rights of Alaskans to apply to DNR to reserve water in rivers, streams and creeks throughout the entire state.**

George Krumm

Eagle River, AK

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From: William Baechler <flynorth70@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Testimony on HB77

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Please, as a tax payer and registered voter, I would urge the Senators to fix this HB77 and uphold the rights of Alaskans to apply to the Dept. of Natural Resources to reserve water in streams, rivers and creeks throughout Alaska , including the Bristol Bay watershed.

Please consider my comments as official written testimony on this Bill HB77 , and add this to the public record.

Thank you very much. William Baechler

Bill Baechler
Homer, Alaska
907.399.6188

Sent from my iPad

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From: Bruce Service <bruce328@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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Senator Meyer:

Regarding HB 77. This is a flawed bill on a variety of levels.

Prohibiting Alaskans (individuals, groups, organizations) from comment and input on use of waterways is simply wrong.

I oppose this bill.

Please record my opposition.

Bruce Service
11250 Snowline Dr
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 3:47 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: official written testimony for HB 77

From: kimbrough mauney [mailto:kimbroughred@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 3:40 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: official written testimony for HB 77

Hello and thank you for accepting my comments as official written testimony in the hearing of HB 77. I strongly oppose this bill and encourage you vote against the bill, or at least modify it. I have lived in Alaska since 2004, and I am always surprised when bills like this one, that compromise one of our State's most important resources (SALMON!) come to the floor. Why would any legislator want to pass a bill that strips Alaskans of our rights to clean water and healthy fisheries, and erodes our ability to participate in wild Alaska salmon habitat protection?

Please consider these points:

- wild salmon should get a priority over other out of stream uses.
- We need more balance in our fish management decisions. DNR routinely processes water use applications for mining, oil and gas corporations, but it almost never processes the instream flow applications needed to keep water for fish.
- Governor Parnell has repeatedly promised he would “never trade one resource for another.” Tell him to be a man of his word, don’t trade the water our sustainable, wild fish need for one-time development projects.

Thank you again for your consideration.

~Kimbrough Mauney, 8413 N. McCCasey Dr., Wasilla, AK, 99654 (907)-602-5399

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From: Austin Williams <austinew@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 2:44 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Oppose HB 77

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Dear Senator Meyer,

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 77. Because I am unable to testify in today's hearing in person, please accept this email as my comments into any official record.

I live in Anchorage and rely on fishing and our public waters for my way of life. HB77 would unnecessarily degrade the ability of the public to be informed and meaningfully participate in permitting and agency decision-making that often has significant deleterious impacts to our public resources and the Alaskan way of life. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources is supposed to serve the public interest, and in order to serve the public interest it must allow ample opportunity for public notice and participation throughout its decision-making processes.

In addition to HB77's erosion of the public participation and notice requirements, I am concerned that HB77 would eliminate the ability of individuals and organizations to request an instream flow reservation for fish and wildlife. Fish, wildlife, and clean waters are fundamental to many Alaskans and the Alaskan way of life, as reflected in various provisions of our State Constitution. This Legislature should be figuring out new ways to protect Alaska's many naturally-renewable resources--such as fish, wildlife and water--for future generations instead of curbing the public's ability to participate in decisions that are so germane to Alaska and our lifestyle.

Fish, wildlife, our public waters and the wild character of the Alaskan landscape is what makes Alaska so great and why many Alaskans call our state "home." HB77 undermines all of these values and sacrifices the long-term economic and social stability of Alaska for short-term special interests. I encourage you and all our lawmakers to do the right thing and oppose HB77.

Sincerely,
Austin Williams

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From: James Glover <jamesglover100@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Hb 77

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Senator Meyer,

My name is James Glover and I am a citizen of Alaska. I would like this email to be added to the records as my sworn official written testimony. I oppose house bill 77. It is essential to the future of Alaska that we are allowed to have mandatory public hearings about topics related to our land and waters! I realized that it is time consuming for our voices to be heard. Public testimony is essential to keeping the decisions that are made about our land and waters in the best interest of the people!

Sincerely,

James Glover

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From: Sam Steen <sammysteenphotography@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer

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Attention Senator Meyer,

Alaskans need more opportunities to preserve salmon and our unique way of life, not less. The Alaska Constitution mandates the sustainability of our resources. This bill ends public access to reserving water in streams and leaves out in the cold, after years of investment and data collection, a variety of tribes, non-profits and individuals who have sought instream flow reservations on behalf of fish habitat and other economic and cultural interests. Please fix HB 77 to protect Alaskans' right to apply to reserve water within streams to maintain sufficient flow for the protection of various public interests including transportation, fish and wildlife protections, and water quality. As a steward of Alaska's Environment and a third generation Bristol Bay fisherman i feel this bill is detrimental to Alaska's future.

All the best,
Sammy Steen

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From: rainbo love <girdwoodrainbo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Hb77

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Senator Meyer,

My name is Rainbo Herfindahl and I am a natural born citizen of Alaska. I would like this email to be added to the records as my sworn official written testimony. I oppose house bill 77. It is essential to the future of Alaska that we are allowed to have mandatory public hearings about topics related to our land and waters! I realized that it is time consuming for our voices to be heard. Public testimony is essential to keeping the decisions that are made about our land and waters in the best interest of the people!

Sincerely,

Rainbo Herfindahl

PO box 1277

Girdwood, ak

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From: Mike & Gina <rainydawn@ak.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:04 PM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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Please, Please help us block the travesty of the Pebble mine in the headlands of Bristol Bay. This pristine environment will be ruined forever if they proceed..the loss of our healthy food source, jobs, and very lifestyle of the coastal communities will be devastating. We don't need another mine, we need to protect our families who rely on the fishery, the animals and the beautiful planet we have been graced with. Our state makes less than 5% of its income from mining. Please do not allow this corporation with no conscience ruin the largest Salmon run in the world.

http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2013/04/01/soaring_cost_of_nwt_mine_cleanup_forces_federal_government_to_reconsider_toxic_site_priorities.html

Thank you
Mike and Gina Friccero

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From: Jack Brown <akparajack@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:56 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB77

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Hello Senator Meyer,

I'm an Alaskan of 36 years, and I'm not at all happy with this bill which could limit my participation in future decisions concerning our fishing and hunting management....

Please encourage your committee to fix HB 77 and uphold the rights of Alaskans to apply to DNR to reserve water in rivers, streams and creeks throughout the state, including those of Bristol Bay.

Also, please make sure that my comments are considered official written testimony on the bill and added to the public record.

Thanks,

Jack Brown
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Anchorage, AK 99515

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From: Kari Mote <kokopellitheatre@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:55 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB77 Official Testimony

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Dear Kevin Meyer,

I am writing in opposition to HB77. Please do not take away Alaskan's rights to comment and participate in the legislative process on matters concerning the waters and natural habitat of those waters specifically Alaska;s greatest resource, our salmon. This is a basic right of the people of our nation. We are not communists. Please do not allow decisions to be made behind closed doors.

Thank you,

Kari Mote

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Kari Mote
Anchorage, Alaska
907-244-8944

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From: Harold Coker <flatshoals64@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 11:54 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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As a new resident of the Great State of Alaska, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 77 and fight to preserve our natural resources. As I see it, this is an essential action to preserve the Alaskan way of life. In addition, the tremendous resources in your state represent a primary reason for our relocation.

Kind regards,

Robert Coker, PhD

Doniece Gott

From: Bruce Neeno <bruce@allergyalaska.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Protest HB77

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Dear Senator Meyers,

I left a voice message today in protest of HB77. I strongly reject Governor's Parnell's alleged arguments that Alaskan's are demanding a change in permitting regulations as they address streams and water ways. Let this be entered into record as a citizen's protest against HB77.

Regards,

Bruce Neeno, Anchorage.

Doniece Gott

From: Marcia Colson <mcolson101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:52 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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Dear Senator Meyer:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 77. Its true purpose, in my opinion, is to enable the Pebble Mine to become a reality, in opposition to strong scientific evidence of harm to wildlife the economic wellbeing of the region and to the wishes of the residents of the state. The Pebble Mine has real potential to be the greatest environmental catastrophe of our generation, and future generations, and it should not be allowed to go forward. Please do not take away the rights of individuals and organizations to have a say in the environmental and economic future of the state.

Please add my comments to the official public record of testimony on the bill.

Marcia Colson
Anchorage

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From: claudia anderson <claudiaa.ak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:57 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: HB 77

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Re: HB 77

Please consider my comments official written testimony and please add them to the public record.

Dear Senator Meyer and committee members,

I oppose HB 77.

Democracy can be messy, expensive and time consuming. Conversely, tyranny is efficient. HB 77 erodes the democratic process and the public's ability to have a meaningful say.

- 1) Fix HB 77 to protect the public notice and comment periods for Best Interest Findings.
- 2) Fix HB 77 to protect Alaskan's rights to apply to reserve instream flow.
- 3) Fix HB 77 so that Alaskans can continue to participate meaningfully in public land management decisions.

Alaska is not a 3rd world tyranny. As currently written HB 77 is quite alarming.

Sincerely,
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