

Dear Representative Stutes,

To whom it may concern,

As a Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fisherman, I am very concerned with Canadian mining activities occurring in close proximity to transboundary salmon streams. These rivers are the lifeblood of Southeast Alaska, and I as well as thousands of other sport, commercial, and subsistence users are 100 percent dependent on their continuing productivity. I encourage you to create and enforce regulations to ensure that Canadian mining interests do not ruin our most valuable watersheds.

Canadian mining interests have proven time and again (Chief Talesquah, Frasier River dam, etc.) that they are incapable of responsibly extracting mineral resources near environmentally sensitive areas. It is my understanding that the Canadian government has not levied fines against the companies responsible for these disasters, nor has it taken any significant steps towards assuring that similar disasters do not occur again.

Between boat, gear, and limited entry fishing permit, my investment in the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery is around \$300,000. I made this investment with the understanding that the state of Alaska and Federal Government was going to protect our natural resources to the best of its ability. When I hear that the Canadian Chief Talesquah mine has not yet been cleaned up, and is continuing to leach contaminants into the Taku river, I have to think that someone is dropping the ball.

Please consider the value of these watersheds to Alaskans, and the recent history of environmental disasters caused by Canadian mining interests. I trust that you will create enforceable environmental regulations to prevent further damage to the rivers we depend on in Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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