

## **Matt Gruening**

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**From:** LIO Sitka  
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**To:** Rep. Louise Stutes  
**Cc:** Matt Gruening  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for the House Fisheries Committee on HB199

Please accept this Public Testimony for HB199 as submitted via the Sitka Legislative Information Office. Thank you!  
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Hi my name is Keith Nyitray and I'm representing myself today. I've lived in Alaska for almost 40 years now... during that time I was a commercial fisherman of several years and the health of our fisheries are very important to me. That said, I support HB 199.

I'd like to thanks Rep. Stutes and the fisheries committee for working to protect or salmon for future generations. To begin with, I extremely worried about the impacts of mining on our fisheries

Time and time again we've seen across almost every state and country in the world where the mining industry has reaped the resources, devastated the land (despite all assurances they would never do so), then declare bankruptcy only to leave the local, regional, and national governments to deal with and pay for the clean-up... if and when even possible. It's time to stop privatizing a companies profits but socializing the risks associated with mining.

A legislators job to is represent and do what's best for Alaskans... not what's best for trans national corporations and their non-alaskan shareholders.

Our fisheries and fishery related jobs in any one region are sustainable... mining jobs, by their very nature are not. Once the resource is extracted... it's gone forever... coal seams don't spawn new ones and zinc deposits don't beget baby zinclets. The choice before you is what future for Alaska do you want to promote and protect... our fisheries... which are renewable and sustainable for generations to come... or something that is not.

Again... I support HB 199 and hope you will too.

Thank you for your time.

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