

Dear Representative Stutes,

As a 26 year Southeast Alaska commercial salmon troller I am extremely concerned about Canadian mines in the headwaters of ALL of our major salmon producing rivers in Southeast. It is impossible to overstate the importance of this issue for all Southeast communities. Salmon are our lifeblood: our food, our lifestyle, our money, the absolute soul of who we are.

It is urgent and imperative that the State of Alaska and the US government employ all legal and diplomatic tools available to insist that Canada's mine industry uses the highest possible level of environmental protection in the headwaters of these rivers.

Our children want to be salmon fishermen too. We can't live without these fish. The fish can't live without clean habitat.

Please use your influence to stand up for the vital needs of our region.

Sincerely,

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