

Sen. Chris Birch

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To: Sen. Chris Birch
Subject: SB 51 - Support

Dear Senator Birch,

I am a full-time year-round resident of Haines. I support SB 51 as the State's system for processing Tier 3 nominations.

Tier 3 designations place significant restrictions on communities in the watershed area. There is no mechanism to undo such a designation. Such a designation will have lasting restrictions on the options that are available to us today and our children and grandchildren into the future.

The Tier 3 designation replaces management and enforcement of science-based water quality standards and regulations with a total prohibition of any new or expanded discharges, even if the discharge fully protects fish and aquatic life.

I believe that due to the seriousness and permanent restrictions that a Tier 3 designation would impose, the authority to designate Tier 3 water bodies must remain solely with the Legislature as the elected representatives of Alaskans.

Please support SB 51.

Thank you,

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