

Sen. Chris Birch

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To: Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Cc: George Campbell
Subject: SB 51

Dear Members of the Senate Resources Committee:

I am a long-time resident of the Chilkat Valley, and my husband and I have owned two of only a few parcels of private property, surrounded by State land and Eagle Preserve, near the headwaters of the Chilkat River since 1994:

USS 3740, LOT 1UPPER CHILKAT RIVER- 3.37 acres
USS 3741UPPER CHILKAT RIVER- 4.98 acres

We access our property on the Chilkat River in boats or by aircraft.

In addition, we own a house at 26 mile Haines Hwy overlooking the Klehini River along with various other parcels of land in the Chilkat River valley.

We have fished, hunted, and enjoyed the Chilkat Valley from our properties for decades. It is a very special place, and we work hard to protect the surrounding water and land and wildlife- these resources raise our quality of life beyond measure. We can't put a price on the value this land adds to our life, it's priceless.

I support SB 51, "Tier 3" Designation. I am very concerned that there are unintended consequences to any laws enacted. I would hope that designating any waters in Alaska as Tier 3 would require not only a vote of the legislature but also require a public vote, with approval by a super majority (80%?) of people in the communities directly affected by this designation.

As a responsible property owner and an active outdoor participant, I urge you to give careful consideration to this legislation, as it will have consequences for generations to come. Adequate protection for our rivers is imperative, but the current Tier 3 designation is an overly burdensome law, with language subject to interpretation or misuse of power, with potential to lead to serious unintended consequences and with no chance to revoke or change the Tier 3 designation once enacted. I do not want this for my family or my descendants.

Thank you for your time,
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