



Fortymile Mining District  
P.O. Box 4  
Chicken, Alaska 99732

Dear Representative Saddler,

March 20, 2023

I am writing to you on behalf of the Fortymile Mining District to give our support for HB 98, the "Ownership of Submerged Lands" bill.

Alaska's fight for ownership of our navigable and submerged lands is long overdo!

The Fortymile Mining District has a rich history in Alaska's past and hopefully it's future.

Back in 1980 when the Federal government imposed a Wild & Scenic River designation on top of our historic mining district, the struggle to survive began almost immediately. One of those struggles has been the navigability issue and State ownership of the river bottom.

We look forward to supporting you in any effort to see HB 98 become law.

Good luck and thank you for your effort in moving this bill along!

Sincerely,

Dick Hammond – President

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As the Fortymile Mining District, we're proudly moving towards the future while helping to preserve our past, our public lands, our historic communities, and our livelihood as miners.