

## Sara Peterson

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Hello Sara,

Thank you for your assistance.

I've attached the proposed updated resolution language, a copy of the resolution previously passed, and a list of contacts which we would recommend sending the resolution to, should it be passed.

Jill Weitz, campaign manager for Salmon Beyond Borders, and myself will be in Sitka September 12-14 and we are requesting the assembly consider the attached updated resolution to be included on the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. I've attached the original resolution passed by the Sitka Assembly in October, 2014 as well. The primary updates to the language include minor clarifications, additional mining operations, and acknowledgement of the State of Alaska and Province of British Columbia's drafting of a Statement of Cooperation.

We would appreciate the opportunity to speak with assembly members and believe that an updated resolution passed by the Sitka Assembly would send a powerful message to the state and federal administrations.

Please let us know if Mayor Hunter or any assembly members have any questions regarding the resolution or the transboundary issue. And please pass on our thanks to them for considering this issue.

For a comprehensive list of resolutions passed by other communities, please visit <http://www.salmonbeyondborders.org/resolutions--letters-of-support.html>.

Salmon Beyond Borders is a campaign comprised of sport and commercial fishermen, community leaders, business owners, tour operators, and concerned citizens. In collaboration with Tribal and First Nations members, we are united across the Alaska/British Columbia (B.C.) border to defend our transboundary salmon rivers and the businesses and way of life they support. Currently, there are at least ten major Canadian mine projects either operating or under development in the Canadian portions of the watersheds of our most important transboundary rivers, including the Taku, the Stikine, and Unuk.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the tailings pond dam at the Mount Polley mine in central B.C. breached and released 6.6 billion gallons of toxic waste into the Fraser River watershed just as their sockeye were returning. In 2016, the B.C. Auditor General conducted an independent audit of the compliance and enforcement of the B.C. mining sector and determined the B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of the Environment's "compliance and enforcement activities of the mining sector are inadequate to protect the province from significant environmental risks."

In order to ensure Alaska's interests and way of life are not negatively impacted by upstream large-scale mining activity in B.C., enforceable protections are needed. Such binding protections can only be achieved by action taken by the U.S. and Canadian federal governments under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.

Again, thank you for your time and please let us know once the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> agenda is confirmed.

Thank you,  
Erin



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