



To Whom It May Concern,

We, the below-signed, have serious concerns about the proposed New Polaris Gold Mine initial project description submitted to the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office by Canagold Resources Ltd. We do not support the New Polaris Gold Mine moving forward in the provincial permitting process while Alaskans and Tribal governments downstream still have no decision-making power in the future of our shared wild salmon rivers. We remain sitting ducks downstream while B.C.'s polluting gold mines continue to be ticking time bombs upstream.

The proposed New Polaris Gold Mine threatens one of the most productive wild salmon spawning and rearing habitats on the West Coast of North America. Downstream in Alaska, we rely on the Taku wild salmon to support our commercial fishing and tourism industries, as well as our way of life.

To us downstream, Canagold's plans to make 150-170 yearly barge trips across the U.S.-Canada border carrying fuel and cyanide on the Taku and Tulsequah Rivers between the mine site and a "Transfer Barge Facility" anchored in the middle of Taku Inlet, on the Alaska side of the border, is particularly alarming and unacceptable.

We are also deeply frustrated that the Province of British Columbia is entertaining Canagold's proposal to reopen this gold mine while the nearby Tulsequah Chief mine continues to discharge toxic acid-mine drainage into the Taku watershed—as it has, unabated, for more than 65 years.

This B.C. Environmental Assessment Process for the New Polaris Gold Mine seemingly ignores over a decade of requests that Alaska Tribes and decision-makers at every level of government in the U.S., as well as tens of thousands of U.S. and Canadian citizens, have made, calling for protective action for shared salmon rivers between the U.S. and Canada under the Boundary Waters Treaty. Notably, the process is also in direct conflict with the current requests from Alaska Tribes and municipalities for an immediate, temporary pause on new B.C. mine permits in the Taku, Stikine, and Unuk Rivers until binding, enforceable international watershed protections developed by communities and Indigenous and federal governments are in place.

Given all of the above concerns and requests, we, the below-signed, do not support the proposed New Polaris Gold Mine moving forward in this permitting process.

Thank you for considering our comments and requests.

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