



## Transboundary mine presentations to be held in Juneau, four other SE communities

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In an effort to educate the public about several large-scale mining operations planned or already under construction near the border of Southeast Alaska and Canada, Salmon Beyond Borders and the United Tribal Transboundary Mining Working Group will hold community presentations in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg in the month of October.

Meetings will happen in the following communities:

- Juneau — 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at Centennial Hall.
- Sitka — 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27 at Keet Gooshi Heen School.
- Wrangell — 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Nolan Center.
- Petersburg — 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Petersburg High School.
- Ketchikan — 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Southeast Discovery Center.

Presenters at these public forums will be mining expert Dave Chambers, Ph.D., fisheries biologist Sarah O'Neal, M.S., and local community members.

Concerned stakeholders, including Native tribes, commercial fisherman and various groups, have voiced their skepticism about the mining companies' ability's to contain the waste from these mines, waste that would ultimately drain into key salmon rivers, such as the Taku, Stikine and Unuk. These groups became further disturbed after an earthen dam burst at the Mount Polley Mine site in central British Columbia in August, releasing huge amounts of contaminated waste into the famed Fraser River.