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The statement of cooperation signed by Alaska and Canada officials last week regarding mines in Canada that could potentially affect Alaska waterways should be viewed for what it is: A promise to talk further.

The statement establishes a working group of Alaska departments and Canadian ministries to discuss issues related to preserving our mutual waterways and protecting them — nothing more and nothing less.

British Columbia mines have the potential to ruin Alaska salmon habitat through pollution, runoff and dam failures.

In 2014, this fact was made all too real when a dam holding wastewater for the Mount Polley mine collapsed, sending more than 880 million cubic feet of waste into the B.C. area.

This year, a Canadian audit led by Auditor General Carol Bellringer into how B.C. mines are being managed was not pretty and didn't pull many punches. It found "major gaps in resources, planning and tools" when it comes to their management. Regarding the Mount Polley mine, it found "too few resources, infrequent inspections and lack of enforcement."

The audit heavily criticized the fact that the ministry responsible for promoting mining is also in charge of regulating it.

The audit found that current regulation infrastructure is not set up to prevent environmental damage and said that to prevent another Mount Polley, "business as usual cannot continue."

So, the threats are real and much work remains to be done.

Talking is a start, not an end.

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