

**PETITION
TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT: The Taku River is an important shared transboundary river with Alaska that hosts rich fisheries dependent on healthy habitat and clean water;

THAT: The Tulsequah Chief and Big Bull mines were closed in the 1950's but never properly decommissioned and cleaned up;

THAT: That Redcorp Ventures Ltd. now owns both mines and plans to reopen the Tulsequah Chief mine;

THAT: The government of British Columbia issued a Pollution Abatement Order for the Tulsequah Chief mine in January 1993;

THAT: Environment Canada issues Inspector's Directions in July 2002 for cleanup at both mine sites, noting violations of the Fisheries Act;

THAT: Federal investigators visited the two mine sites in October of 2003 and found that "none of the measures undertaken by Redfern had significantly reduced the acutely lethal toxicity of the ARD [Acid Rock Drainage] discharges from the two mine sites."

THAT: A preliminary water treatment plant was installed at the Tulsequah Chief in June of 2005, but Redcorp, the BC government and the Canadian federal government will not release any details about the effectiveness of the plant or about the cleanup effort in general;

THAT: Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 states that "waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other."

THAT: Redcorp has not fully complied with its cleanup requirements and the Canadian federal government is not properly enforcing the law.

THAT: Fisheries Act violations are still occurring at both mine sites;

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure that Canadian federal agencies properly enforce the Fisheries Act at the Tulsequah Chief and Big Bull mine sites and achieve a full and complete cleanup as soon as possible.