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RE: Support for POA 1 Kensington Mine

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a multi-gear/multi-species, membership based commercial fishing organization. SEAFA supports Kensington's preferred alternative POA 1. Kensington has throughout their operations kept SEAFA informed of current information and plans as well as discussed, any violations that were received. The violations have mainly been recordkeeping and documentation errors more than incidents that were harmful to the environment.

There has been in comments submitted a comparison of the dam to Mt Polley and it's dam failure. These dams are not comparable. Mt Polley was built on silt and was never intended to contain water whereas Kensington's dam is built on bedrock with a downstream construction. Kensington meet or exceeds the current guidelines in place every time they increase the height of the dam and have on site during construction a mine engineer.

Mining is an important economic industry as is commercial fishing in Southeast Alaska. Kensington provides jobs to individuals from many of the smaller rural communities where there are minimal job opportunities. Their operations have not harmed the waters of Lynn Canal or effect to the environment. Commercial fishing and the Kensington Mine have been compatible in the Lynn Canal and Berners Bay area.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen

Executive Director