



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 18-20, 2018  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 18-39

Title: Opposition to the Gold and Copper Project in the Unuk River Watershed Owned by Seabridge Gold.

By: Ketchikan Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, mining impacts have had a detrimental impact on all rivers downstream and violate water quality standards that healthy fisheries depend upon and therefore pose a threat to our communities and traditional practices in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the 19 communities of Southeast Alaska, including our tribal citizens, are largely dependent on our water ways for commercial fisheries, sport fisheries, and other maritime harvest and food security; and

WHEREAS, these activities have been practiced by our peoples since time immemorial oral and constitute the nutritional, spiritual and cultural foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor General's 2016 audit of the Ministry of Energy and Mining and the Ministry of Environment in British Columbia found enforcement and monitoring was inadequate to protect the safety of mine operations; and

WHEREAS, the Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell project plans to dump millions of tons of acid generating waste rock into a tributary to the Unuk River that flows southward near Ketchikan and is a major source of salmon which support over 7,000 jobs and nearly \$1 billion of economy to Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Community of Tlingit and Haida asserts that there has been a lack of government-to-government consultations and violations of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between the United States and the British Empire;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby opposes the Gold and Copper Project in the Unuk River Watershed owned by Seabridge Gold.

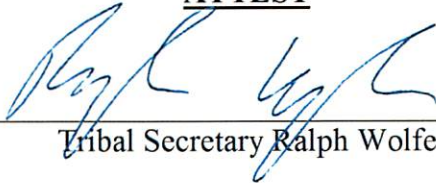
ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**



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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**



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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe