

SEABRIDGE GOLD

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Rob Sanderson, Jr.
4th Vice President,
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
9097 Glacier Highway, Juneau AK 99801

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

In an August 5, 2019 Juneau Empire article titled "*Murkowski, Sullivan urge action on mine cleanup*", you are quoted as saying, "the Unuk River is dying".

As you know, Seabridge Gold has been conducting ongoing water quality monitoring water on the Unuk River at the BC/Alaska border for more than 12 years (data has been shared with the State of Alaska) and in this time, we have seen no degradation in water quality. The monitoring does highlight widely variable water chemistries. Given that the KSM Project is not in operation, and there is no mining activity along the river, these variations can only be attributed to natural processes and the naturally occurring sulphide mineralization which is prevalent throughout the upper reaches of the Unuk River basin.

Your statement, and the underlying implication that mining activity is somehow responsible for impacting the Unuk River, concerns Seabridge greatly, Mr. Sanderson. If you have information about the Unuk River of which we are not aware, we request you share that information with us, and with the public, so that all of us can take action.

Yours truly,



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cc. Kyle Moselle, State of Alaska
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