

Overwhelming Opposition to Mining Rules Demonstrated at Public Hearings

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee held two major public hearings on the mining issue (LD 146 and LD 750 amended) which demonstrated that Maine people from all parts of the state oppose weak mining rules. Twenty-four people from Aroostook County testified in person or submitted comments in opposition to the rules. Only two people from Aroostook County testified in support of the rules. Individuals from 77 Maine communities spoke at these two hearings or submitted comments in opposition, with the highest number of opposition comments from any one town coming from Presque Isle. Only 13 individuals total testified or submitted comments in support of the rules – almost all of whom were lobbyists for Irving, LLC. or represented consulting firms that would benefit from mining in Maine.

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MINING RULES

- **Citizens Testifying in Opposition: 72**
 - **Citizens Testifying from Aroostook County: 11**
- **Citizen Written Comments in Opposition:* 63**
 - **Written Comments from Aroostook County:* 15**
- **Total Number of Towns for Citizen Testimony and Written Comments: 77**
- **Maine Legislators Testifying in Opposition: 5**
- **Organizations Testifying in Opposition: 9**
- **Organization Written Comments in Opposition: 3**
- **Total Testimony/Comments in Opposition: 153**

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED MINING RULES

- **Citizen Testimony in Support: NONE**
 - **Citizens Testifying from Aroostook County: NONE**
- **Citizen Written Comments in Support: NONE**
 - **Written Comments from Aroostook County: NONE**
- **Total Number of Towns for Citizen Testimony and Written Comments: NONE**
- **Maine Legislators Testifying in Support: NONE**
- **Consultant Testimony in Support: 7**
- **Organization Testimony in Support: 6 (including Aroostook Timberlands)**
- **Consultant Written Comments in Support: 2**
- **Total Testimony/Comments in Support: 15**

* The written and oral testimony comments are non-overlapping.

CITIZEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO MINING RULES (72)			
Fname	Lname	Town	AROOSTOOK CO.
Don	Abbott	Camden	
Harry	Akkerman	Harmony	
Darrell	Adams	Mars Hill	A
Lorette	Adams	Mars Hill	A
Randel	Agrella	Fort Fairfield	A
Betsy	Bishop Terrell	Carr Pond	A
Alice	Bolstridge	Presque Isle	A
Carole	Boothroyd	Dover-Foxcroft	
Ellery	Borow	Waterville	
Doug	Bowen	Porter	
Liam	Burnell	Whitefield	
Brownie	Carson	Harpwell	
Dennis	Chinoy	Bangor	
Alan	Clements	Charleston	
Peter	Crockett	Argyle Township	
Christine	Daglieri	Greene	
Roger	David	Dresden	
Sam	Day	Hallowell	
Patricia	Dowse	Cambridge	
Bill	Dunham	Chesterville	
Jane	Edwards	Winslow	
Charles	Fitzgerald	Dover-Foxcroft	
Jim	Freeman	Verona Island	
Jonathan	Fufond	Monroe	
Neil	Gallagher	Bunswick	
Peter	Garrett	Winslow	
Carl	Gerecky	Orneville	
Jim	Gerritson	Township D Range 2	A
Hendrik	Gideonse	Brooklin	
Ian	Glass	Portland	
Jenny	Gray	Wiscasset	
Nany	Hathaway	Surry	
Steven	Heinz	Cumberland	
Jim	Hynson	Pittston	
Priscilla	Jenkins	Winthrop	
Peter	Kallin**	Rome	
Katherine	Kates	Bangor	
Elery	Keene	Winslow	
Lew	Kingsbury	Pittston	
Bob	Klotz	South Portland	
Sarah	LaChance	Cape Porpois	
Bill	Leavenworth	Searsmont	
Hillary	Lister	Athens	
Susan	MacKenzie	Waterville	

Gail	Maynard	Woodland	A
Francene	McClintock	Perham	A
John	McIntyre	Easton	A
Regine	McIntyre	Easton	A
Diane	Messer	Liberty	
David	Miller	Portland	
Sidney	Mitchell	Dover-Foxcroft	
Lindy	Moceus	Vienna	
Roger	Morrison	Charleston	
Abigail	Morrison	Rockland	
Shelly	Mountain	Mapleton	A
Tony	Owens	Cape Elizabeth	
Sidney	Quarrier	Appleton	
Lucy	Quimby	Bangor	
Bill	Richards	Augusta	
Margaret	Schuler	Newcastle	
Peggy	Schuller	Edgecomb	
Christopher	Sewell	Phippsburg	
Bob	Shaw	Belfast	
David	Smith	Belfast	
George	Smith	Mount Vernon	
David	Sokowitz	Portland	
Ed	Spencer	Old Town	
Bruce	Taylor	Sweden	
Shri	Verrill	Portland	
Michael	Verville	Brunswick	
Norman	Withee	Searsmont	
David	Wood	Hallowell	
LEGISLATOR TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED RULES (5)			
Rep. Henry	Bear	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	A
Rep. Ralph	Chapman	Brooksville	
Rep. Janice	Cooper	Yarmouth	
Sen. Geoff	Gratwick	Penobscot County	
Sen. Chris	Johnson	Lincoln County	
CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED RULES (63)			
Darrell and Lorette	Adams	Mars Hill	A
Krisanne	Baker	Woldoboro	
Lawrence	Bastian	New Gloucester	
Siri	Beckman	Stonington	
Gary	Boone	Presque Isle	A
Lindsey	Newland Bowker	Stonington	
Anne	Burt	Edgecomb	
Andy	Cadot	Portland	
Janet	Carpenter	Penobscot	
Brenda	Commander	Chief, Houlton Maliseet Indians	A
Geraldine	Cross	Bangor	

Larry	Dansinger	Monroe	
Shirley	Davis	Orono	
Mary Beth	DiMarco	Houlton	A
Mary-Therese	Duffy		
Julianne	Forbes	North Bridgton	
David	Foster		
Michelle	Fournier	North Yarmouth	
Ward	Gero	Presque Isle	A
Marcia	Girouard	Orono	
Martha	Goodale	Westbrook	
Carol	Gorecki	Orneville TWP	
John	Graves	Presque Isle	A
Leda Beth	Gray	Blue Hill	
John	Greenman	Orland	
Julie	Hamilton	Monroe	
Daniel	Harris	Winthrop	
Sarah	Harvey		
Sandra	Hayes	Maliseet Indians	A
Brian	Hirst	Harpwell	
Don	Holmes	Sedgewick	
Nancy	Hoop	Kittery	
Sigrid	Houltette	Westmanland (Aroostook)	A
Pauline	Hunneman	Freeport	
Fred	Kircheis		
Stephen	Martin		
Ulli	Matheson	Westmanland (Aroostook)	A
Michael	Maynard		
Gary	McGrane	Jay	
McPherson	Beth	Damariscotta	
Jim	Melloh	South Portland	
Stephen	Miller	Westmanland (Aroostook)	A
Jon	Olsen	Jefferson	
Parker	Beedy	Camden	
Arla	Patch	Bryant Pond	
Darlene	Perle		
Sr. Patricia	Pora		
Bonnie	Preston	Blue Hill	
Linda	Raymond	Maliseet Indian Tribal Council	A
Howard	Reben	Portland	
Kathy	Scott	Mercer	
Alice	Shephard	Presque Isle	A
Pauline	Sheridan	Northport	
Tony	Sousa	Hallowell	
Rebecca	Stanley	Monmouth	
Matthew	Streeter	Ocean Park	
Wayne	Sweetser	Presque Isle	A
Richard	Thomas	Waterville	
M.S.	Tupper		

Francine	Wickes		
Bonnie	Wood	Presque Isle	A
Stephen	Wood	Presque Isle	A
Sandra	Wright	Mt. Vernon	
ORGANIZATION TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED MINING RULES (9)			
Tom	Abello	The Nature Conservancy	
Nick	Bennett	NRCM	
Landis	Hudson	Maine Rivers	
Kaitlyn	Bernard	Maine AMC	
Jeff	Reardon	Trout Unlimited	
Chris	Buchanan	Defending Water for Life	
Beth	Ahearn	Environmental Priorities Coalition	
Jenn	Gray	Maine Audubon	
Lindsey	Newland-Bowker	Bowker and Associates	
ORGANIZATION WRITTEN COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED MINING RULES(3)			
Glen	Brand	Sierra Club	
Chief Brenda	Commander	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	A
Jym	St. Pierre	RESTORE: The North Woods	

Opposition Comment Towns (77)	Number of Comments from Town
Appleton	1
Argyle Township	1
Athens	1
Augusta	1
Bangor	4
Belfast	2
Blue Hill	2
Brooklin	1
Brunswick	2
Bryant Pond	1
Cambridge	1
Camden	2
Cape Elizabeth	1
Cape Porpois	1
Carr Pond (Aroostook)	1
Charleston	2
Chesterville	1
Cumberland	1
Damariscotta	1
Dover-Foxcroft	3
Dresden	1
Easton (Aroostook)	2
Edgecomb	2
Fort Fairfield (Aroostook)	1
Freeport	1
Greene	1
Hallowell	3
Harmony	1
Harpswell	2
Houlton (Aroostook)	2
Jay	1
Jefferson	1
Kittery	1
Liberty	1
Mapleton (Aroostook)	1
Mars Hill (Aroostook)	2
Mercer	1
Monmouth	1
Monroe	3
Mt. Vernon	2
Newcastle	1
New Gloucester	1
North Bridgton	1
North Yarmouth	1
Northport	1
Ocean Park	1
Old Town	1
Orland	1
Orneville TWP	2
Orono	2
Penobscot	1
Perham	1
Phippsburg	1
Pittston	2
Porter	1
Portland	6
Presque Isle (Aroostook)	8
Rockland	1
Rome	1

Searsmont	2
Sedgewick	1
South Portland	2
Stonington	2
Surry	1
Sweden	1
Township D Range 2 (Aroostook)	1
Verona Island	1
Vienna	1
Waterville	3
Westbrook	1
Westmanland (Aroostook)	3
Whitefield	1
Winslow	3
Winthrop	2
Wiscasset	1
Woldoboro	1
Woodland (Aroostook)	1

CITIZEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MINING RULES		
NONE		
LEGISLATOR TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MINING RULES		
NONE		
CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MINING RULES		
NONE		
CONSULTANT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MINING RULES (7)		
Larry	Fitzgerald	Stantec
Steve	Pinette	Pineterra Consulting LLC
Matt	Muzzy	Sevee & Mahar Engineers, Inc.
George	Kendrick	Stantec
Hollie	Umphrey	Diamond U Consulting, Portage Lake ME
Fred	Beck	Geologist, FM Beck Inc. York
Peter	Maher	Sevee & Mahar Engineers, Inc.
CONSULTANT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF MINING RULES (2)		
Jim	Butler	Aroostook Resources
Jake	Mitchell	Mitchell Tardy (Aroostook Resources)
ORGANIZATION TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MINING RULES (6)		
Ben	Gilman	Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Theresa	Fowler	Central Aroostook County Chamber of Commerce
Anthony	Hourihan	Aroostook Resources
Jim	Mitchell	Mitchell Tardy (Aroostook Resources)
Patrick	Strauch	Maine Forest Products Council
Patricia	Aho	Maine Department of Environmental Protection