

Overwhelming Opposition to Mining Rules Demonstrated at Public Hearing

On February 25, 2015, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee held a public hearing on mining rules (LD 146) 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. Not a single citizen from Aroostook County testified or submitted comments in support of the rules. Individuals from 64 Maine communities spoke at the hearing or submitted comments in opposition, with the highest number of opposition comments from any one town coming from Presque Isle. Only eight individuals total testified or submitted comments in support of the rules, and they were all lobbyists, represented Aroostook Timberlands, or represented consulting firms that would benefit from mining in Maine.

OPPOSITION TO LD 146 MINING RULES

- **Citizens Testifying in Opposition: 51**
 - **Citizens Testifying from Aroostook County: 8**
- **Citizen Written Comments in Opposition:* 63**
 - **Written Comments from Aroostook County:* 16**
- **Total Number of Towns for Citizen Testimony and Written Comments: 64**
- **Maine Legislators Testifying in Opposition: 5**
- **Organizations Testifying in Opposition: 7**
- **Organization Written Comments in Opposition: 3**
- **Total Testimony/Comments in Opposition: 129**

SUPPORT FOR LD 146 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: 3**
- **Organization Testimony in Support: 3 (including Aroostook Timberlands)**
- **Consultant Written Comments in Support: 2**
- **Total Testimony/Comments in Support: 8**

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

CITIZEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO LD 146 (51)			
Fname	Lname	Town	AROOSTOOK CO.
Don	Abbott	Camden	
Harry	Ackerman	Harmony	
Randel	Agrella	Fort Fairfield	A
Betsy	Bishop Terrell	Carr Pond	A
Alice	Bolstridge	Presque Isle	A
Carol	Boothrogd	Dover-Foxcroft	
Doug	Bowen	Porter	
Liam	Burnell	Whitefield	
Brownie	Carson	Harpwell	
Dennis	Chinois	Bangor	
Alan	Clements	Charleston	
Peter	Crockett	Argyle Township	
Christine	Daglieri	Greene	
Roger	David	Dresden	
Sam	Day	Hallowell	
Jane	Edwards	Winslow	
Charles	Fitzgerald	Dover-Foxcroft	
Neil	Gallagher	Bunswick	
Peter	Garrett	Winslow	
Carl	Gerecky	Orneville	
Jim	Gerritson	Township D Range 2	A
Ian	Glass	Portland	
Nany	Hathaway	Surry	
Steven	Heinz	Cumberland	
Jim	Hynson	Pittston	
Peter	Kallin**	Rome	
Elery	Keene	Winslow	
Lew	Kingsbury	Pittston	
Bob	Klotz	South Portland	
Sarah	LaChance	Cape Porpois	
Hillary	Lister	Athens	
Susan	MacKenzie	Waterville	
Gale	Maynard	Woodland	A
John	McIntyre	Easton	A
Regine	McIntyre	Easton	A
Diane	Messer	Liberty	
David	Miller	Portland	
Sidney	Mitchell	Dover-Foxcroft	
Roger	Morrison	Charleston	
Shelly	Mountain	Mapleton	A
Tony	Owens	Cape Elizabeth	
Sidney	Quarrier	Appleton	
Lucy	Quimby	Bangor	
Bill	Richards	Augusta	

Peggy	Schuller	Edgecomb	
Christopher	Sewell	Phippsburg	
George	Smith	Mount Vernon	
David	Sokowitz	Portland	
Shri	Verrill	Portland	
Michael	Verville	Brunswick	
David	Wood	Hallowell	
LEGISLATOR TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO LD 146 (5)			
Rep. Henry	Bear		
Rep. Ralph	Chapman		
Rep. Janice	Cooper		
Sen. Geoff	Gratwick		
Sen. Chris	Johnson		
CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO LD 146 (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
Abi	Morrison	Charleston (Penobscot)	
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 LD 146 (7)			
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	
ORGANIZATION WRITTEN COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO LD 146 (3)			
Glen	Brand	Sierra Club	
Chief Brenda	Commander	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	A
Jym	St. Pierre	RESTORE: The North Woods	

Opposition Comment Towns (65)	Number of Comments from Town
Appleton	
Argyle Township	
Athens	
Augusta	
Bangor	3
Blue Hill	2
Brunswick	2
Bryant Pond	
Camden	2
Cape Elizabeth	
Cape Porpois	
Carr Pond (Aroostook)	
Charleston	3
Cumberland	
Damariscotta	
Dover-Foxcroft	3
Dresden	
Easton (Aroostook)	2
Edgecomb	2
Fort Fairfield (Aroostook)	
Freeport	
Greene	
Hallowell	3
Harmony	
Harpswell	2
Houlton (Aroostook)	2
Jay	
Jefferson	
Kittery	
Liberty	
Mapleton (Aroostook)	
Mars Hill (Aroostook)	2
Mercer	
Monmouth	
Monroe	2
Mt. Vernon	2
New Gloucester	
North Bridgton	
North Yarmouth	
Northport	
Ocean Park	
Orland	
Orneville TWP	2
Orono	2
Penobscot	
Phippsburg	
Pittston	2
Porter	
Portland	6
Presque Isle (Aroostook)	8
Rome	
Sedgewick	
South Portland	2
Stonington	2
Surry	
Township D Range 2 (Aroostook)	
Waterville	2
Westbrook	
Westmanland (Aroostook)	3

Whitefield	
Winslow	3
Winthrop	
Woldoboro	
Woodland (Aroostook)	

CITIZEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD 146		
NONE		
LEGISLATOR TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD 146		
NONE		
CITIZEN WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF LD 146		
NONE		
CONSULTANT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD 146 (3)		
Larry	Fitzgerald	Stantec
Steve	Pinette	Pinetterra Consulting LLC
Matt	Muzzy	Sevee & Mahar Engineers, Inc.
CONSULTANT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF LD 146 (2)		
Jim	Butler	Aroostook Resources
Jake	Mitchell	Mitchell Tardy (Aroostook Resources)
ORGANIZATION TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD 146 (4)		
Ben	Gilman	Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Anthony	Hourihan	Aroostook Resources
Jim	Mitchell	Mitchell Tardy (Aroostook Resources)
Patrick	Strauch	Maine Forest Products Council