

**From:** Stephen Chessor  
**Sent:** July 27, 2013 8:33 AM  
**To:** Newprosperityreview [CEAA]  
**Subject:** Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Michaud,

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The Tsilhqot'in National Government strongly opposes this proposal because it would contaminate critical traditional lands and waters and impact the cultural survival of the Tsilhqot'in people.

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Sincerely,  
Stephen Chessor

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From: On Behalf Of Jiri Kohout

Sent: July 27, 2013 10:59 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor

Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Sir or Madam:

The area around Fish Lake is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.

Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

The Tsilhqot'in are rightfully concerned that the proposed mine would put the future of local waters like Fish Lake and the Chilcotin River at risk from toxic pollution.

The Tsilhqot'in nation are strongly opposed to the construction of the New Prosperity open-pit Gold and Copper mine and have said so repeatedly.

For these reasons I want to ask you if you could please not build this mine.

Thank you very much!

Yours Sincerely,

Jiri Kohout

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From: On Behalf Of christel person

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From: On Behalf Of Nancy Crozier

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Dear all statesmen and women,

When I first heard of the Taseko plans for Fish Lake, I was shocked at that company's cavalier attitude towards the environment. Now on the second round of trying to soft sell a dirty project, I am still shocked. Why can't you listen to the First Nations?

We all know this has toxic results, so why aren't the mining companies developing cleaner methods of extraction and by-product amelioration? In Europe this kind of activity ( destroying a natural water resource for short -term gain by a corporation without responsibility for the damages it brings would be a laughing stock.) In fact that is what Canada and in particular British Columbia is - a joke. We have such short-term, selfish expectations, and no energy policy, a dwindling number of environmental protection regulations, and more loopholes than most 3rd world countries, for corporate exploitation of our resources .

We should really just mark the map of BC with a huge "M" for "mark". Great place to bleed the province of its wealth instead of implementing conscientious long term planning and development of value added industries to employ our own population on cleaner resource extraction. We have so many young scientists attending environmental and ecological studies in our universities but we fail to fund research that could put those minds to work solving the problems of pollution and unfettered development.

Please just don't approve this dirty project.

Sincerely

Nancy Crozier

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