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## **All Star anglers joining movement to protect Minnesota's Boundary Waters Wilderness and its world-class fishing**

*Threat of sulfide-ore copper mining would destroy premier fishing destination*

A growing [list](#) of angling luminaries is joining the call to protect Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and its world-class fishing. The BWCAW is currently under threat from proposed sulfide-ore copper mining. The threat, from Twin Metals Minnesota, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chilean mining giant Antofagasta, would put dangerous metal mines right next to the BWCAW, alongside a river that flows directly into the heart of the Wilderness.

The anglers signed the following statement in support of protecting the BWCAW:

**The Rainy River Drainage Basin is home to some of the finest freshwater fishing in all of North America. As anglers, we are extremely concerned about proposals to develop sulfide-ore copper mines in the headwaters that feed the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Voyageurs National Park, and Rainy Lake watershed. The type of mining proposed has not been proven to be done elsewhere without negative impacts to water resources. In a region as valuable as the Rainy Lake watershed, we feel that the risks are simply too great, and that its unique clean water and fishery resources must be protected. We urge the federal and state agencies and elected officials charged with decisions on this matter to employ the best scientific evidence and methods to ensure that this unique resource is protected and available for future generations of anglers to enjoy.**

Over the last year and a half dozens of national and statewide hunting, fishing and outdoors organizations have joined the movement to save Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) from the threat of sulfide-ore copper mining. These include the American Sportfishing Association, National Wildlife Federation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Pope and Young Club, Izaak Walton League of America and others. Iconic brands such as Rapala lures and St. Croix rods have also lent their support.

In November the federal Wildlife Hunting and Conservation Council that advises the President on outdoors issues sent a [letter](#) to Secretaries Jewell and Vilsack urging them to protect the BWCAW.

The list of anglers signing on to support protecting the BWCA includes:

[Dick Sternberg](#) (MN)

Dick Sternberg is a prolific fresh water and sportfishing author whose books have sold an estimated 10 million copies, making him one of North America's top sportfishing authors and educators. Dick is a Minnesota native who spent more than fifteen years as a fisheries manager and biologist for the Minnesota DNR before becoming a full time author in 1981. He has been inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and the Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota..

[Randy Amenrud](#) (MN)

Randy Amenrud has been involved in many aspects of the fishing tackle and marine promotional business for over 45 years. He's been a part of numerous angling innovations – including designing lures to catch fish and outfitting the boats to get people to them. Among his many accomplishments, Randy has been inducted into the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and the Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota.

[Dave Csanda](#) (MN)

Dave Csanda has spent 28 years as a fishing educator, editor of In-Fisherman writing, and co-host of In-Fisherman TV. Dave has been inducted into the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and the Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota. He also served as president of the Brainerd Lakes chapter of “Let's Go Fishing,” a Minnesota-based, non-profit volunteer organization that teaches seniors, veterans, and kids fishing techniques while taking them on trips, free of charge.

[Larry Dahlberg](#) (MN)

Larry Dahlberg has been guiding fishing trips professionally since age eleven, where he began his career as a fly fishing guide on the St. Croix River for Smallmouth. He's been a director, producer and fisherman for In-Fisherman TV programs, and has been inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.

[Gordon Pyzer](#) (Canada)

Known as "Doctor Pyzer" for his scientific approach to angling, Gordon Pyzer spent over 30 years as a senior manager with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Pyzer is the only person ever inducted into the Canadian Angler Hall of Fame, the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in the United States and the Canadian Outdoor Hall of Fame.

[Steve Quinn](#) (MN)

Steve Quinn began his career as a certified fishery scientist in New York and Georgia until becoming an In-Fisherman editor in 1988. As a scientist working as a writer and editor, Quinn has revolutionized how scientific information is shared with anglers for over 25 years. Steve has been inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.

[Ted Takasaki](#) (SD)

Ted Takasaki is a renowned walleye fishermen and designer of fishing boats and gear. Among the world's best fresh water anglers, having been inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of

Fame, Takasaki is a member of the Lund Pro-Staff and has helped thousands of anglers catch more fish on a regular basis.

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Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters was formed to help gain permanent protection for the Boundary Waters. More information available at [SportsmenfortheBoundaryWaters.org](http://SportsmenfortheBoundaryWaters.org). Contact Jeremy Drucker, [jeremy@savetheboundarywaters.org](mailto:jeremy@savetheboundarywaters.org), [\(612\) 670-9650](tel:(612)670-9650).