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Tom Emmer's Anti-Public Lands Bill Advances in Congress

Ely, MN – Today, an unprecedented anti-public lands, anti-national monuments bill put forward by Minnesota Representative Tom Emmer passed a vote by the House Natural Resources Committee. This bill (H.R. 3905) will now be considered for a vote by the full U.S. House of Representatives. The proposed bill would threaten the world-class hunting and fishing of the Boundary Waters, eliminate the President's authority to establish new national monuments in Minnesota and put the future of Minnesota's public lands in the hands of a foreign mining giant with a history of environmental violations.

In response to this vote, Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters released the following statement:

“This radical bill from Tom Emmer is anti-science, anti-public lands and anti-Boundary Waters,” said Jason Zabokrtsky, Chairman of Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters. “This bill puts Minnesota's sporting heritage at risk by eliminating a science-based environmental review - a review supported by 79 percent of Minnesotans – in favor of singling out Minnesota as unworthy of our nation's bedrock public lands protections. It's time for Tom Emmer to join with sportsmen and women across the country by standing up for Minnesota's conservation heritage and ending his misguided attacks on the Boundary Waters.”

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Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters was formed to help gain permanent protection for the Boundary Waters. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is also supported by more than 265 local and national businesses. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is led by the Boundary Waters Trust. More information is available at SportsmenfortheBoundaryWaters.org.