



## Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters

**Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters** is a community of hunters and anglers from Minnesota and beyond working together to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The Boundary Waters Wilderness is America's most-visited Wilderness and is comprised of 1.1 million acres of pristine lakes and lush forests. The watershed and habitat of the Boundary Waters Wilderness in northeastern Minnesota is threatened by sulfide-ore copper mining proposed by Twin Metals and other companies. Sulfide-ore mining is a risky type of mining that has never been permitted in Minnesota.

The coalition was formed in 2015 thanks to the dedication of sportsmen and women across Minnesota and has grown to include many outdoors and sporting partners who are committed to the goal of permanently protecting the habitat for fish and game in the Boundary Waters Wilderness and the stable economies of its wilderness-edge communities.

Partners include American Fly Fishing Trade Association, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, International Federation of Fly Fishers - Upper Midwest Council, Izaak Walton League of America, Minnesota Conservation Federation, Minnesota Kayak Fishing Association, National Wildlife Federation, Orion – the Hunter's Institution, Pope and Young Club and Wildlife Forever, American Sportfishing Association, and Bear Trust International. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters also has a growing list of business supporters, including the world's largest fishing lure company, Rapala.

**How can you help?** Sulfide-ore mining on the edge of America's most visited Wilderness – a favorite hunting and fishing destination -- poses a serious risk to the well-being of its sustainable economy, clean air and water, and to future generations' enjoyment of this precious canoe country. As hunters, anglers, and conservationists, it is vital to take a stand against these proposed mines. This is a national issue that requires congressional action. You can help by meeting with your elected officials and calling Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken to let them know you oppose sulfide-ore mining near the Boundary Waters Wilderness. Get educated and spread the word! Let your friends and family know about the issue and follow us on social media. Volunteer at events in your area, or host your own!

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