

From: Raincoast Sea Farms
Sent: September-20-10 4:24 PM
To: Raven@ceaa-acee.gc.ca
Cc: info@coalwatch.ca; roberta@bcsga.ca
Subject: Raven Coal Mine

Dear CEAA,

Re: CEAR#10-03-055529

We are shellfish growers with leases in Baynes Sound. We are very concerned about the negative environmental impacts of coal mining of any kind, but the location of the Raven project makes this proposal even more dangerous. Baynes Sound is a fragile eco-system. The shape of the Sound is like the shape of a bathtub, and as a bathtub without a drain, it doesn't flush. Any pollution that goes into Baynes Sound will take years, if not generations, to flush. The Coal Hills in Union Bay are a perfect example of the continued leaching of toxic metals and who-knows-what-else into the waters of Baynes Sound 50+ years after the fact.

Isn't coal an out-dated source of energy? Have we learned nothing from the past? The environmental degradation is not worth the job-creation, the trade-off is not worth it.

Our fresh water, too, will be put at risk.

Aren't we in an earthquake zone, too?

Please do not allow this project to proceed. It is madness that it has gone this far! Climate change should have halted it in its tracks the day it first came out! Please, for our children & grandchildren do not allow this project to proceed any further.

Sincerely,

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