

I would like to submit my comment for the record of the Draft EIS for the Mesaba Energy Project. In table 2.4-1 I find that the DEIS does not fully explain the social effects of the statement:

**Water Sources and Discharges:** Security requirements for process water intake facilities may necessitate terminating access to Canisteo Mine Pit for recreational boating.

I feel that the EIS should disclose who would make that decision and what controlling factors would dictate their decision. I also feel the DEIS is lacking in that it makes no mention that the Canisteo Mine Pit is currently managed by the Mn DNR as a viable Lake Trout fishery. Fisherpeople use this resource not only in the summer months but also during the winter trout season which runs from mid January to mid March.

Enclosed is a photo of the recreational opportunities that will be lost if this resource is closed for public use.

Sincerely,

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