

“Precious Waters” – Discussion Questions

1. What did you think of the film?
 - Did you agree or disagree with its portrayal of the possible risks of sulfide mining in Minnesota?
 - What topics or statements resonated with you the most?
 - Which individuals were you most impressed by?
2. What questions do you still have about sulfide mining?
3. What are the most troubling aspects of the mining proposals to you?
 - Is there one issue—for example water quality, wilderness character, or the assorted economic risks—that carries the most weight?
4. How could this new type of mining help northern Minnesota’s economy? How could it harm it?
 - Would economic benefits be short or long term? Would they be sustainable?
5. Do you think there is such a thing as environmentally-friendly sulfide mining?
 - Will Minnesotans have to choose either clean water or sulfide mining jobs?
6. Is there a way to ensure that taxpayers will not have to pay for any clean-up?
 - What types of solutions do you think would be the most effective at preventing harmful mining operations in the first place?