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#### RECONNAISSANCE FLUID INCLUSION SURVEY OF 33 SAMPLES FROM SE ALASKA

OBJECTIVE OF STUDY:

To determine the feasibility of using fluid inclusions to identify temperatures and pressure conditions of formation of quartz veins.

- **RESULTS:**
- 1. Quartz in all samples contain millions of healed microfractures defined by planes of fluid inclusions, often crisscrossing back and forth across quartz grains.
- 2. Fluid inclusions are filled with variable amounts of liquid and vapor H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>, from all liquid-filled to all vapor-filled and everything in between. Thus, homogenization temperatures for a single quartz grain in a single sample could vary from 75 to 475°C, and it is predicted that most quartz grains would yield homogenization temperatures primarily in the range 125 to 325°C. These homogenization temperatures would have to be corrected for pressure effects, which could make true temperatures of formation as much as 200°C higher. Pressure estimates from fluid inclusions are difficult to make when the brines contain CO<sub>2</sub>, as limited.
- 3. Fluid inclusions along single healed microfractures commonly show variable amounts of liquid and vapor  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$ . This indicates that for many inclusions, the fundamental requirements (for yielding interpretable data) of trapping a homogeneous fluid and maintaining constant mass and volume since the inclusion formed have been been violated.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. The described characteristics of the fluid inclusions and the textures among them are sufficient data to define the general environment of formation: such characteristics are definitely not found in epithermal environments, nor are they found in "phallic-type" porphyry copper or porphyry molybdenum deposits. Such characteristics are unique to deeper environments: veins cutting rocks undergoing greenschist to amphibolite grade metamorphism (mesothermal veins), or veins within and around batholiths (deep skarns) or cupolas of batholiths.
- 2. All submitted samples contain quartz with fluid inclusions formed in deep environments. It is possible that the quartz veins could have been originally formed in shallower environments and subsequently buried, but there is no fluid inclusiion evidence that such is the case.

- 3. All quartz veins contain millions of planes of fluid inclusions, which may record millions of geologically instantaneous fluid conditions that could have existed over millions of years! Even if the basic requirements of inclusions had not been violated, a few fluid inclusion homogenization temperatures would only be recording several temperatures out of potentially millions of fluid events!
- 4. It is concluded that fluid inclusion microthermometry cannot be used to constrain exact P,T conditions of formations of the submitted specimens: many of the fluid inclusions do not satisfy basic requirements, and of those that do, they would only be recording a small part of the fluid history that existed during vein formation.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Many studies of fluid inclusions from mesothermal veins have been conducted in the past. Most are very limited in usefulness: basically, hypotheses were presented from totally unconstrained data. Such poor work resulted from the limited knowledge of the researchers regarding fluid inclusion principles, and naivete of the researchers regarding the complexity of the hydrothermal systems through a protracted history. A few good studies are in the literature:
  - Diamond, L.W., 1990, Fluid inclusion evidence for P-V-T-X evolution of hydrothermal solutions in Late-Alpine gold-quartz veins at Brusson, Val d'Ayas, N.W. Italian Alps: <u>Am.J.Sci</u>., v. 290, p. 912-958.
  - Robert F., and Kelly, W.C., 1987, Ore-forming fluids in Archean gold-bearing quartz veins at the Sigma mine, Abitibi greenstone belt, Quebec, Canada: <u>Econ.Geol</u>., v. 82, p. 1464-1482.
  - Goldfarb, R.J., Leach, D.L., Pickthorn, W.J. and Paterson, C.J. 1988, Origin of lode-gold deposits of the Juneau gold belt, southern Alaska, <u>Geology</u>, v. 16, p. 440-443.

Each of these author spent years in the field to find the best samples to study, years in the lab working on less than a dozen or so samples, and years trying to understand the data they collected! Unfortunately, this is the nature of the beast: studying fluid inclusions to learn about conditions of ore formation in mesothermal environments is extremely difficult, at best. Therefore, I do not recommend that any microthermometry be performed on any of the submitted samples.

- 2. The fluid inclusion petrography alone is evidence of the complex fluid histories experienced by the quartz veins. One has to wonder what, if anything, oxygen isotope data would mean for such samples without careful geologic and petrographic controls. Without such controls, oxygen isotope studies are not recommended.
- 3. For isotopic and fluid inclusion studies to provide meaningful information about the P,T conditions of vein formation, deposit scale studies will be necessary: data from only one sample tells us only one thing for the submitted samples--that it formed at depths greater than phallic porphyry systems (>4Km). To learn more, each deposit will have to be studied in great detail. But take caution: very few mesothermal veins will yield more from the

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fluid inclusions and isotopes than simply the fact that they are deep, even with years of work!

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## ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM THE SOUTHERN CLEVELAND PENINSULA AREA, CRAIG C-1 AND KETCHIKAN C-6 QUADRANGLES, SOUTHEAST ALASKA

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#### INTRODUCTION

This preliminary report lists the results from geochemical analyses of 30 rock and 1 stream sediment. Samples were collected during the 1992 field season as part of a geologic mapping project in the Helm Bay region on the southern Cleveland Peninsula, Craig C-1 and Ketchikan C-6 1:63,360 quadrangles. Milt Wiltse, Wyatt Gilbert, Melanie Werdon, Tom Homza, and Karen Clautice participated in the project.

This study was conducted as part of a cooperative agreement between the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys to investigate the geology and mineralization of the Ketchikan Mining District.

SAMPLE NUMBER	1992 STATION NUMBER	LONG.	LAT.	BRIEF FIELD DESCRIPTION
1201	KC06, WM02	131.953	55.591	Pyritic, quartz muscovite schist
1202	KC07	131.960	55.592	6m wide zone of pyritic, white mica quartz tuff
1203	KC09, WG202	131.976	55.598	Gray-green mafic metavolcanic with thin carbonate lenses
1204	KC13	131.962	55.605	Light gray-green porphyroblastic metavolcanic (schistose to massive)
1205sed	KC28	132.023	55.648	Orange stained sediment in creek between lakes
1206	КС31	132.034	55.625	Pyritic, quartz sericite schist
1207	KC33	132.038	55.625	15cm wide quartz-epidote vein in mafic metavolcanics, perpendicular to foliation
1208	KC38	132.063	55.635	15cm wide quartz vein in dark gray slate/phyllite, perpendicular to bedding
1209	KC39	132.067	55.633	Quartz vein, 15-20cm wide, various cross-cutting directions
1210	KC39	132.067	55.633	Medium grained, slightly foliated, chlorite- and clay-altered granodiorite
1211	КС40	131.977	55.598	2-3 m of iron-stained quartz muscovite schist
1212	KC41	131.977	55.598	Pyritic, quartz-carbonate layer (1-5 cm) within quartz muscovite schist
1213	КС41	131.977	55.598	Quartz-carbonate vein (15 cm) within pyritic quartz muscovite schist
1214	KC66	132.042	55.572	Quartz vein within dark gray phyllite
1215	KC78	132.126	55.681	Quartz veining near contact between black slate and mafic metavolcanics
1301	WG222	131.986	55.640	Pyritic, quartz muscovite schist
1303	WG238	132.091	55.606	Hornfels at contact with granodiorite
1304	WG239	132.086	55.603	Dark gray slate
1305	WG240	132.082	55.602	Quartz veins in metavolcanics
1307	WG257	132.058	55.698	Quartz vein in dark green-black slate
1308	WG258	132.125	55.681	Pyritic zone near sediment/metavolcanic contact
1309	WG265	131.971	55.628	Light green volcaniclastic
1405	MW13	132.015	55.668	Pyrite-altered metavolcanic lens in metasediment
1406	MW14	132.021	55.672	Pyritic, quartz white mica schist, metasediment(?)
1514	TXH85	131.977	55.599	
1602	WM8A	131.962	55.592	Pyritic volcaniclastic
1605	WM19	132.088	55.644	Black slate with silty layers and minor quartz veining
1606	WM27	132.020	55.665	Chlorite-, carbonate-bearing quartz vein at Portland prospect
1607	WM75	131.974	55.597	White mica quartz schist
1608	WM97, WG254	132.056	55.691	Pyrite-bearing, iron-stained phyllite
1612	WM83	131.991	55,600	Pyritic, banded limestone with hematite(2)

AMPLE	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb	Zn	Мо	Ni	Со	Cd	Bi	As	Sb	Fe	Mn
UMBER	ppb	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	~ppm	pct	pct
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1203	11	<0.2	114	12	69	1	1	9	<1	<5	<5	<5	2.52	0.16
1204	<5	<0.2	50	<2	18	<1	22	26	<1	<5	<5	<5	3.31	0.07
1205	NA	<0.2	24	9	37	1	21	13	<1	<5	44	<5	3.58	0.07
1206	<5	<0.2	83	9	43	<1	14	15	<1	5	20	<5	3.25	0.06
1207	26	<0.2	70	3	17	<1	16	19	<1	6	545	<5	2.44	0.05
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1209	<5	<0.2	4	<2	<1	6	10	1	<1	<5	<5	<5	0.44	<0.01
1210	<5	<0.2	66	3	20	<1	68	26	<1	6	<5	<5	3.77	0.06
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1212	<5	<0.2	93	8	29	1	7	. 6	<1	6	<5	<5	3.65	0.11
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	1207	<10	18	71	113	<20	<20	1.30	0.95	0.81	0.21	0.08	32	8	2	
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# GENESIS OF GOLD VEIN DEPOSITS AT HELM BAY AND SMUGGLERS COVE

## GENERAL GEOLOGY Introduction

The Helm Bay/Smugglers Cove area is underlain by a northwest-trending series of Upper Paleozoic to Triassic metamorphic rocks intruded by plutonic rocks of Cretaceous to Tertiary age. The metamorphic rock packages in the Helm Bay area consist, from east to west, of: 1) dark-colored metasiltstone and metagraywacke along the west shore of Helm Bay; 2) a thick package containing units of dark-colored metasediments, light-colored metasediments, chlorite schist, felsic schist, and massive greenstone; 3) a mile-thick greenstone/diorite and; 4) most westerly, a package of light-colored metasedimentary rocks.

Foliation generally trends 140-160 degrees and dips steeply NE, but local variations are common. Bedding and foliation are relatively parallel but strongly foliated units many display notable differences between the two.

All rock units in the Helm Bay area are folded. Scale of folding varies from the large anticline and syncline on Gold Mountain and Boulder Creek to small crenulations. These folds generally plunge moderately NW but SE plunges are also common.

Mineral deposits in the area consists basically of quartz veins, fault-related quartz stringer and pyritic schist zones, and exhalative gold. The most notable deposit is the Gold Standard Mine from which 10,000 to 20,000 ounces of gold were produced. The Old Glory, Keystone, Free Gold and Portland prospects were also extensively explored in the early 1900's and the 1930's. The majority of deposits contain pyrite and gold with minor silver. Anomalous copper and mercury are also present but lead and zinc are depleted. This same gold/silver/copper/mercury association is also present in the stratabound exhalative gold strata at Smugglers Cove, suggesting that they could have been the source for mineralization in the Helm Bay area.

#### **Rock Units**

Rock units at Helm Bay consist, from east to west, of dark metasediments, a package of mafic metavolcanic rocks with interbedded metasediments, a large greenstone unit, and light and dark-colored metasedimentary rocks.

#### Dark metasedimentary rocks

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The metasedimentary unit along Helm Bay consists of bck to ay phyllite derived from siltstone, graywacke, and black shale. Interbedded chlorite plagioclase schist are also present. Foliation is well developed and highly contorted in some areas. Kink

folds and NW and SE-plunging folds are well displayed in beach outcrops. These rocks contain locally abundant veins and masses of foliation-concordant quartz which are generally barren except for small amounts of pyrite.

Light- and dark-colored metasedimentary rocks

The second metasedimentary package is made up of light-colored and black phyllite metamorphosed from siltstone, shale, graywacke and conglomerate. A thin band of these rocks outcrop above the Rainy Day prospect on the east side of Gold Mountain but a wide section of them underlies the area west of the greenstone/diorite. These rocks appear to be less well metamorphosed than those along the bay, being slates instead of phyllites and displaying a NE dip.

## Mafic metavolcanic rocks and metasedimentary rocks

This rock package contains a variety of metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks. These include greenstone, chlorite schist, pyritic quartz, sericite, chlorite schist, quartz, sericite schist and banded metasedimentary rocks.

<u>Greenstone</u> - The most common metavolcanic rock is a dense, poorly-foliated greenstone. Foliation in this rock varies from poor to moderate. Where cut by faults, the unit can be very schistose. This rock is usually mixed with chlorite schist and less commonly with felsic schists. The greenstone ranges from massive, almost dioritic in texture to a moderately foliated schistose greenstone with feldspar porphyroblasts (or possibly relic phenocrysts). These rocks probably represent mafic to intermediate volcanic flows.

<u>Chlorite schist</u> - Chlorite schist occurs throughout the area but also is found in a distinct band that stretches from Smugglers Cove to the Old Glory. Chlorite schist also occurs at the Keystone but it is not known whether it is part of the same package or just another section of the schist. The chlorite schist is a green, well foliated rock that has been highly contorted and folded. Within the chlorite schist are layers of greenstone, siliceous chlorite schist, and quartz muscovite schist.

<u>Pyritic quartz, sericite, chlorite schist</u> - In the Smugglers Cove area, Kennecott has mapped a series of more felsic schists including pyritic quartz, sericite, chlorite schist, quartz sericite schist, and siliceous chlorite schist. The pyritic quartz, sericite, chlorite schist, according to Kennecott's interpretation, represents an exhalite (Kennecott, 1985). This rock contains abundant quartz with sericite and lesser chlorite plus about 5% disseminated pyrite and up to 2% chalcopyrite. Gold is also present in this unit in concentrations of 1.5 to 3.4 ppm. The schist is closely associated with siliceous chlorite schist and quartz sericite schist.

<u>Quartz, sericite schist</u> - Quartz sericite schist is found in many parts of the Helm Bay area. A large band outlines the Gold Mountain fold but other sections outcrop at the mouth of Boulder Creek, at the Last Chance prospect (Helm) and near the Free Gold prospect. This rock commonly appears to grade into chlorite or greenstone schists.

Pyrite is commonly present as disseminated cubes forming up to a few percent of the rock. In the Smugglers Cove area, Kennecott believes that this rock is associated with the exhalite as it contains low gold anomalies locally (Kennecott, 1985).

#### Greenstone

Underlying the Gold Standard area, Bald Mountain and Bugge Basin is a 1 to 2mile-thick greenstone unit. This massive rock unit displays poor foliation, and ranges in texture from medium-grained to fine-grained equigranular to trachyitc (with aligned feldspars) to schistose. Borders of athe body tend to be more highly foliated while the central bulk of the unit is usually massive. Faulted areas tend to be well foliated and to be chlorite schists but schistosity diminishes rapidly away from the fault. This rock is primarily composed of saussuritized plagioclase and chloritized hornblende. The texture commonly appears to be phaneritic plutonic but its origin is uncertain. AKDGGS geologist noted metasedimentary that rocks at one point along the western margin appeared hornfelsed and Bureau geologists noted obvious intrusive relationships between a diorite and metasedimentary rocks near Bear Lake (the apparent NW extension of the unit). Not all workers are convinced the unit is not volcanic, however. The foliated borders indicate that the greenstone has undergone metamorphism.

#### Plutonic Rocks

There are a variety of plutonic rocks in the Helm Bay area. Between Smugglers Cove and Helm Bay is a quartz diorite body, a sill or dike of granite porphyry outcrops at the Rainy Day prospect, and a large hornblende diorite/granodiorite stock outcrops west of Bald Mountain.

<u>Metadiorite</u> - The Smugglers Cove quartz diorite consists of apparently fresh, unaltered diorite in the core but the margins are distinctly metamorphosed and display a foliation continuous with that in the surrounding schists. This suggests emplacement during the late stage of the metamorphic event.

<u>Granite porphyry</u> - The vein at the Rainy Day prospect is hosted in a granite porphyry. This body is several hundred feet thick, trends 140 degrees and has aplitic margins. It does not extend SE to the beach, about 1,000 ft away and the NW extension of the body is not known. The rock is a medium- to coarse-grained biotite granite with phenocrysts of feldspar. Near the Rainy Day prospect, the biotite has been altered to chlorite but the rock has not been metamorphosed.

<u>Diorite/granodiorite</u> - West of the mineralized area is a stock of hornblende diorite/granodiorite. The rock is fresh and unmetamorphosed.

#### Structure

#### Faults

The Helm Bay area is cut by a variety of faults ranging from a major structure which probably follows Helm Bay itself to abundant small shears. The Helm Bay lineament has been thought to be a major fault although rocks on both sides of Helm Bay are very similar. This is probably a later feature which has had little influence on the Helm Bay mineralization.

There are several faults which cut Gold Mountain. The most prominent of these, herein called the Gold Mountain fault, trends 165 degrees and forms the central branch of Falls Creek on the south side of Gold Mountain. The northern extension of the fault forms the conspicuous gully on the north side of Gold Mountain. This fault appears to cut two 015-degree faults which form other forks of Falls Creek on the south flank of Gold Mountain. From the apparent offset in the alignment of the fault pieces which form the gully east of the Old Glory adits and west of the Jewel adit, the Gold Mountain fault probably has a few hundred feet of right lateral offset.

There are many small faults and shears in the Helm Bay area. The majority of these faults follow foliation and have a maximum of a few feet of offset but a few notable exceptions cross foliation and appear to have larger displacements. Two types of small faults are differentiated herein by the presence or absence of mineralization. Unmineralized faults and shears usually parallel mineralized ones and can have gouge zones several inches thick. A few of these unmineralized faults also cross foliation and truncate mineralized faults. These faults tend to be larger structures, commonly with more than one strand with up to one foot of gouge.

Mineralized faults tend to be more complicated than unmineralized ones and usually consist of several anastomosing or splaying strands. The zones therefore are wider with broken rock occurring over 2 to 15 feet. Mineralized faults sometimes have large quartz veins in the fault zone and other time have a series of quartz stringers in crushed zones. The faults do not usually persist as strong, obvious structures for more than a few hundred feet before dying away to a simple, usually foliation-parallel, shear. The overall structure, however, may be continuous for many hundreds or even thousands of feet. The strong, mineralized fault zones fade to a thin shear which, some distance later, will intensify into a larger, conspicuous mineralized fault, again.

#### Folds

Rocks in the Helm Bay area are folded on all scales. The most conspicuous folds are small-scale folds and kink folds in the schistose rocks. These features have

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amplitudes that range from microscopic to several feet and probably larger. Areas with kink folds commonly display a secondary cleavage parallel to their axial planes but at right angles to the regional foliation. Plunges of the smaller folds are usually to the NW but SE plunges are also found. In both cases, plunge is usually low to moderate (10 to 40 degrees).

In addition to the smaller structures, the Helm Bay area has also been folded on a much larger scale. Rocks units crossing Gold Mountain have been folded into a very large open anticline and syncline with an amplitude of about 1.5 miles. The fold actually forms a monoclinal structure where the regional NW-trending foliation is bent to the NE at Gold Mountain. Foliation changes back to the normal NW trend in the area of the Gold Standard Mine. The fold was initially identified by Kennecott (1985) during their efforts to trace their exhalative horizon. The axis of the fold trends nearly E/W and plunges NW

#### Mineralization

In the Helm Bay area, most of the mineral deposits are associated with faults or shear zones. These faults and shear zones usually are a few feet wide and contain quartz veins or stringers. The wallrock and schistose partings are usually pyritic although intensity varies from weak to intense. Pyritic schists can contain between 0.5% and 20% disseminated pyrite cubes and extend from a few inches to several feet from the veins. The quartz veins commonly carry minor pyrite (up to 5%) and rare chalcopyrite. Much of the gold value come from pyrite in the schist (see Table 1) but nugget gold also occurs, usually along the margins of the veins. In almost all of the Helm Bay deposits, the gold to silver ratio is about 10/1 and there is virtually no lead or zinc and only minor copper. All mineralized systems (except Puzzler) strike parallel to the surrounding foliation but have dips that commonly crosscut the foliation. Of 18 veins systems in the Helm Bay area, 12 had strikes between 165 and 205 degrees, 5 others had strikes between 100 and 145 degrees, and 3 had strikes between 030 and 050 degrees.

Though most of the deposits are very similar, there are six more-or-less distinct styles: 1) faults with large quartz veins and pyritic alteration; 2) quartz vein swarms; 3) quartz veins with little or no wallrock alteration; 4) fault zones with quartz veins and stringers; 5) clean faults with large quartz veins and pyritic schist wallrock; and 6) polymetallic veins.

Faults with large quartz veins and pyritic alteration

In the northern part of the Helm Bay area are several deposits which consist of strong faults and thick quartz veins. These deposits include the Upper Gold

Standard and Portland Mines and the Free Gold and Sleeping Beauty prospects. All of these deposits are found in the massive greenstone unit. The greenstone, however, is generally well foliated in the mineralized zones by shear foliation parallel to the faults (which tend to parallel regional foliation). In these deposits, the big quartz veins occur on the footwall of faults and have conspicuous pyritic alteration of the wallrock schists for 1 to 5 feet away from the veins. The veins can be up to 5 feet thick and tend but pinch and swell rapidly. The pinches and swells plunge moderately NW forming NW-trending ore chutes.

Pyritic alteration of the wallrock adjacent to the quartz veins is marked by cubes of pyrite as large as one inch. This same type of alteration is also present at the Lower Gold Standard Mine and in fault zones with quartz stringers. Generally, the concentration of gold in the pyritic schist gives values higher than the quartz by itself. Pairs of adjacent samples taken from quartz and pyritic schist localities yielded the following results:

Table 1. - Comparison of gold values from quartz and from pyritic schist

Location	<u>Quartz</u>	Pyritic schist
Lower Gold Standard	0.25 opt	1.047 opt
Lower Gold Standard	0.24 opt	0.487 opt
Portland	0.07 opt	0.434 opt
Portland	0.18 opt*	0.28 opt
Portland Shaft	0.18 opt*	0.550 opt
Free Gold	0.18 opt	0.505 opt
Old Glory	0.05 opt	<0.3 opt
* includes thin bands	of pyritic scl	hist in the quartz

#### Quartz vein swarms

Swarms of large veins occur at the Lower Gold Standard Mine and at the Beulah and Snowstorm prospects. Most of the veins in these swarms are not directly related to faults but still occur in the vicinity of one or more faults. The faults and quartz veins generally strike parallel to foliation though they tend to dip across foliation at moderate or steep angles. At the Lower Gold Standard Mine there are two sets of veins, both of which strike more or less parallel to foliation, but one of which dips

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steeply east while the other dips moderately west. At the Beulah and Snowstorm prospects, which consist of en echelon sets of veins, the same two types of veins exist but are dominated by the west-dipping veins. The veins are usually a few inches to 3 feet thick although thicker bodies do exist locally. The Lower Gold Standard Mine appears to have a moderately NW-plunging ore zone much like the Free Gold, Portland and Sleeping Beauty. As shown above, the pyritic schists at the Lower Gold Standard Mine is an important source of gold.

Fault zones with quartz stringers and pyritic schist

Many of the Gold Mountain area deposits, including the Keystone, Old Glory, American Eagle, Annie, Lone Jack, Jewel and Novatney as well as the Puzzler, consist of fault zones several feet wide filled with quartz stringers and pyritic wallrock. This type of deposit is characterized by a strong fault with lesser splays or an anastomosing system of faults or shears. These fault or shear systems persist usually only a few hundred feet before fading away into the general schistosity. In some cases, the fracture systems die away only to be revived a few hundred feet away. The fractured or crushed zones associated with the faults or shears range in thickness from 1 to 20 feet and pinch and swell along strike. Quartz veins within the zones are usually little more than stringers up to a foot wide and a few tens of feet long. Locally, the veins may swell up to masses 10 feet across but these bodies usually pinch back down to a few inches within a few feet.

Wallrock on both sides of the faults are well foliated due to shearing. This foliation is usually parallel to the regional foliation since the faults parallel that foliation. The zone of most intense shearing is the zone of the greatest concentration of quartz stringers and is also the greatest alteration. This alteration consists of disseminated cubes of auriferous pyrite.

Quartz veins with no pyritic schist

A persistent quartz vein at the Lakeview prospect is controlled by a fault on the footwall but there is no pyritic schist, except very locally, along its margins. The vein trends about 100 degrees and cuts foliation. The Lakeview is the only example of this type of vein.

#### Veins not obviously related to faults

There are a few veins in the Helm Bay area that are not obviously associated with faults, including the Hoffman, Alexandra and US prospects. Instead of filling faults, they appear to fill tensional fractures and have little or no pyritic schist along their

margins. The veins are usual only a hundred feet or so long and tend to dip moderately to the west. The veins at the Snowstorm and some of the Beulah veins are also hosted in tensional fractures instead of faults. These veins carry only rare pyrite but can have nuggets of gold along their margins.

#### Polymetallic veins

There are at least three veins in the Helm Bay area which are polymetallic. Two of these, the Rainy Day and Wixon, are associated with plutonic rocks, a granite porphyry and a diorite, respectively, while a quartz-calcite vein along Smugglers Cove may be metamorphic in origin. These veins, unlike other Helm Bay veins, contain galena and sphalerite along with chalcopyrite and pyrite.

#### **Ore Controls**

Though the deposits in the Helm Bay area are controlled faults, some of the deposits are localized along the faults by bends or warps of the fault plane. This localization is best shown at the Portland Mine. There the fault plane changes in dip from 70 degress to 45 degress. It is supposed that the fault resumes its 70 dip below. This created a pocket for deposition of the quartz (see below).

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This same warp control of veins is also present at the Sleeping Beauty, Free Gold, and Annie deposits. The Annie deposits are controlled by vertical warps in the faults while the Free Gold and Sleeping Beauty veins are apparently controlled by horizontal bending.

The large quartz lense exposed in the stopes at the Portland Mine can be seen to plunge NW at about 25 degrees. This same plunge also is evident at the Free Gold and Lower Gold Standard deposits.

#### Model for Ore Deposit Genesis at Helm Bay

The gold deposits at Helm Bay appear to have been created by the combination of late-metamorphic folding which prepared depositional sites for gold remobilized by metamorphism from an exhalite horizon. Late in the regional metamorphic event that affected the Helm Bay area, regional stresses changed so that a large-amplitude monoclinal anticline/syncline was formed. During creation of this fold, the area changed from a ductile regime to a more brittle one. This caused slippage along foliation surfaces parallel to the limbs of the developing fold which fractured and broke the rock. Gold, silver, copper and mercury remobilized by metamorphism from the exhalite unit, then migrated up faults to deposit in the more broken zones where the faults expanded.

Forming faults and fractured rock needed for conduits and depositional sites for mineralized fluids would have easily been done during folding of the rocks in the area. Rocks involved in the folding would have been more likely to form appropriate broken rock depositional sites than would the unfolded rocks away from the Helm Bay area. Using metamorphism to drive off metal-bearing fluids has been applied in other parts of Southeast Alaska (Juneau Gold Belt) and should provide a viable metals-transfer method at Helm Bay. The larger difficulty of this model involves the source of the mineralized fluids. The most obvious source is the exhalite unit at Smugglers Cove but other possibilities include the volcanic rocks of the area or plutonic activity.

The primary constraint to models of the Helm Bay area is the mineralogy of the vein deposits. The deposits all contain gold, silver (five to ten times less than gold), copper in small amounts, and mercury halos around the veins (Kennecott, 1985). Lead and zinc are essentially absent. The exhalite horizon at Smugglers Cove contains a similar suite of elements in similar concentrations. Kennecott generated separate correlation coefficients for elements at Smugglers Cove and for 15 vein systems in the Helm Bay area. Their correlation coefficients for gold against several metals are given below:

Table 2. - Correlation coefficients for Gold

	Ag	Cu	Hg	Zn	Pb
<b>Smugglers</b> Cove	.489	.710	.694	029	.022
Vein systems	.346	.241	.389	046	011

The results shows that both types of mineralization have the same basic elements.

The association of mineral deposits at Gold Mountain (Old Glory, Keystone, Last Chance, Jewel, Mountain Top) with the Smugglers Cove exhalite is easy to visualize because they are spatially associated. It is a bit more difficult to explain deposits farther away, such as the Gold Standard, Free Gold, Portland and Sleeping Beauty. But mineralization at all of these deposits fits the model. Copper is less notable at the Gold Standard area deposits than at Gold Mountain deposits but elemental mobility could account for the difference.

Regional metamorphism of volcanic rocks is a common source of metal-bearing fluids in other areas such the Juneau Gold Belt. With this model, gold is driven off frommafic volcanic rocks during metamorphism and redeposited in greenschist facies rocks. The principle argument against this model is the lack of lead and zinc at Helm Bay. Metamorphic deposits usually contain polymetallic metal assemblages. Another problem with a simple metamorphic source for the gold is that the Helm Bay deposits are concentrated in an area about four miles long and two miles wide but the Juneau Gold Belt is 100 miles long. A general metamorphic source for the gold at Helm Bay doesn't explain why the Helm Bay deposits are concentrated in such a small area.

A plutonic source could explain the concentration of deposits and could also explain why basalt is locally associated with the deposits at the Gold Standard and Free Gold. But it doesn't account for what is basically a monomineralic deposit. Vein deposits derived from plutonic sources are usually polymetallic and contain some lead and zinc. There is also no obvious source pluton except, possibly, for the granite porphyry at the Rainy Day and the diorite at the Wixon.

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## Some Notes and Observations From Field Investigations Conducted During the 1993 Field Season

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From late May, 1993 through late August, 1993 I had the pleasure of serving as a field assistant to USBM geologist Peter Bittenbender while conducting field investigations in the Ketchikan Mining District. We examined prospects and mineral localities within the Sealevel area (at the NE end of Thorne Arm), South Gravina Island, the Hyder area (south of Texas Creek), and numerous other sites including: Baker Island, Granite Mountain, Rock Lake, McGilvery Creek, Deer Bay, Mary Island, Cat Island, Bostwick Inlet, Vallenar Bay, and others. Of the areas visited, the Sealevel, South Gravina Island, and Hyder areas contained the greatest concentrations of prospects and mineral occurrences

The Sealevel area, at the northeast end of Thorne Arm on Revillagegido Island, is host to the Lake, Tyee, Baltic, Massachusetts, Sealevel, Gold Banner, Goo Goo, Goo Goo Extension, and Sea Breeze claims. The ore deposits within most of these claims consist of sulfide-bearing quartz veins. Gold is associated with pyrite (and to a lessor extent chalcopyrite and galena) found as euhedral cubic crystals which occur both within the veins and in a silicified, altered zone that extends from the quartz veins up to 3-4 feet into the host meta-volcanics. The quartz veins are occasionally continuous for up to several thousand feet, but pinching and swelling are common as is truncation by faults. The quartz veins average 1-3 feet in thickness but range from 1 inch to 6 feet wide. The altered, silicified zone adjacent to the veins is almost always 2-4 feet thick. Vein trends are consistently east-northeast.

Good gold  $\pm$  silver assay values were noted in both vein and altered host rock samples, but these grades are spotty and discontinuous. Low overall grades, and the generally narrow widths of the veins and altered zones, indicate, in my opinion, that the Sealevel area is not likely to generate much interest for additional exploration given current mining methods and metals markets. There may be potential for better grades and higher vein concentrations at depth. Perhaps future advances in mining methods and metals markets in this area.

The region from Nahenta Bay to Seal Cove, including Dall Bay, on South Gravina Island contains numerous prospects most of which contain a chalcopyrite-bearing breccia. Due to it's association with shear zones, and the angularity of the clasts, my impression is that this is mostly a tectonic or secondary breccia, However, some of the mineralized breccia, particularly that observed at Nahenta Bay and Seal Cove, may actually be a primary (syndepositional) breccia which has been tectonically brecciated (post depositional). Thin section work should help to determine the true nature of the brecciation. The wide regional distribution of mineralized breccia outcrops across southern Gravina Island implies that exploration targets are possible, but the assay results of sampling to date indicate only moderate copper values with little gold or silver.

Current world copper reserves and prices would likely constrain serious interest in exploration of this area in the foreseeable future.

The Hyder area, in particular the area south of Texas Creek, contains numerous prospects, claims, and workings which could be represented by four categories: 1) quartz  $\pm$  calcite veins that host gold, silver, lead, and copper, 2) shear zones which host sulfides of copper, lead, sphalerite, gold, and silver, 3) massive sulfides-- mostly massive sphalerite in silicified, altered meta-volcanics, and 4) small quartz  $\pm$  calcite veins hosting molybdenite, usually at vein margins.

Prospects belonging to the first category include the Juneau and Edelweiss. Quartz <u>+</u> calcite veins vary from less than 2 inches up to approximately 3 feet in width. Mineralization was observed to be spotty, and often occurs within small bands in the larger vein. Veins are discontinuous and vein density is generally low. Given the small size of the veins, spotty mineralization, and low vein density -- I believe these prospects have relatively low potential as exploration targets. One exception to the low vein densities is on Banded Mountain which hosts numerous parallel vein swarms. Unfortunately, assays from these veins do not indicate any outstanding exploration targets, and the occurrence is in a wilderness area.

Shear zone occurrences are generally localized and small and occur primarily in the Jumbo Bevacque area. Impressive chalcopyrite, galena, pyrite, and sphalerite seams were observed-- but these are generally only several inches in width, and could not be traced for more than several dozen feet in length. Although the small size of these occurrences is discouraging, their high grade entertains speculation that they may be distal expressions of greater mineralization at depth.

The third category, massive sulfides, is characterized by massive sphalerite found in float from the Jumbo Bevacque area. Mineralization appears to be generally banded and occurs in a highly silicified breccia that I believe to be altered meta-volcanics. We were unable to locate this mineralization in outcrop. Nevertheless, we did locate numerous occurrences in float. The distribution of the float implies that the source is beneath the summit icefield. Initial assay results indicate that only minor gold or silver are associated with this occurrence. Since this mineralization is not located in outcrop on lower slopes of the mountain, any substantial deposit would have to be lensoidal and steeply dipping so as to outcrop only beneath the summit icefield. Given the location of this occurrence near the contact between the Hazelton meta-volcanics and the Texas Creek Granodiorite, and its proximity to the Premier Mine, this occurrence warrants more than passing interest. Low gold and silver assay values, and the presence of an icefield where mineralization most likely outcrops, conspire to reduce the likelihood that significant exploration will occur soon.

The fourth category, molybdenite hosted in quartz-calcite veins, occurs primarily on lower slopes of Banded Mountain along the west side of the Through Glacier. Molybdenite occurs as thin sheets and partings along the contacts between quartz  $\pm$  calcite veins and mafic meta-volcanics and meta-greywackes. The quartz  $\pm$  calcite veins

vary from less than 1/2 inch up to 6 inches thick, but are generally 1-2 inches thick. Molybdenite is more prevalent in the veins containing mostly quartz and less common in the veins containing mostly calcite. Vein densities are on the order of one every 6-8 feet but vein orientations vary. This molybdenite occurrence is significant in that it occurs over a large area along the lower east slopes of Banded Mountain, but the low vein densities result in low overall molybdenite grades. Since this occurrence is within a wilderness area, and because molybdenite grades are diluted by low vein densities, it is unlikely that any exploration will occur here in the foreseeable future.

In conclusion, for the three most promising areas visited during the 1993 field season, Sealevel, South Gravina. Island, and Hyder south of Texas Creek; market constraints and current mining methods would probably rule out significant exploration efforts within the foreseeable future in all three areas. Nevertheless, these areas contain noteworthy mineral occurrences which may well warrant additional investigation and exploration efforts should market incentives change. It should be noted that the aforementioned comments are strictly my opinions, and that I lack formal training in mining economics, exploration strategies, and the geology of ore deposits.

000053 S. Gravind00054 Chins Seal Cove Cu, Au, Ag, Zn M.S. 725 PPL Cp & sphal. - br near peg. - gs sc contacts - Ore in br zones gangue: at a wi jasper & calc. O Seal Day: 2 pits, Nr. tidewater Ay in se a peg w/ cp @ Bay View Claims: - 1/2mi W. of seal Day Victory Mining Co. No.2 {20'opencut se w/cp:,py,bn chim {30-40' extent of ministr No.3 (20' drift, sc cp', py +sl Q (I'UN (NGOW) B314 Sm. smelter shipment made : az un w/cp, along 5. shore of bay 13347 PP1 (3) 16 Dar Eagle Claim: ~ 40'shaft 1909? B442: 700 adit QS-SC 2 adits ~ 100'vert, apart 1910 B 480: 1700'adit B480: 1700'adit P-102 Store @280Cu ONE in Sht Zones, CP W/Au drift up to 3' thick 1911 13520: 1900'adit B520: 1900 adit Victory (73) property NBOE, 85E } approx. orient. of Un inshear - adits drift @ same orient. 0 592: 2000't adit + short drifts + raises, cp+py + Au, cuty + K = ig., Big Joe: B347:<sup>ente</sup> 10'azun, N-S strike, 3000', py top, in mind chisc d Hobo claim B347: Hobo & Wax Eagle on 10'UN, PY 4CP, Grotto Claim: 25' wide ore En. 200' adit (@-600'elev.) O'Brien, Trio, + Big 3 35 SC, X-cut + drift 30' 11 (650'elev) brgs sc Victory Mining CO ge se mineralized, tathin zeth concid along shears Mere US 11% Cu across 5' ~ 1/4 min north of adit, 50' shaft, sc 8347: wide un, 550' of drifted x-cuts, in shr zns, chisc, cons, altered volcanics ( Jumbo: so'elev., sw. x-cut, 5-10'En w/ cp, py,

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Julian Cu Mix-up as #'s, ref's, dates, etc. between MAS & Karder

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Eip Cu, Pb, Ag - associd wy Abel-10, Thin, Asl, Gray, Sea, Ina, (chris, Moon) Thin cu, Pb, Ag

<u>Club 11-14</u> U308 Kondex " W. side of Dall Head about I mi S.W. of head of Dall Bay 1956

Boots 1-3 U308 1956 120-103 "S. SLOPE OF Dall Bay."

Black Jack 1-7 Ug08 120-98 "Peninsula forming Dall Bay." Sm. and. of neat., high grade = "sev. 90 aranium" host: basalt/gabbro; Sault, 21/2' sill of orthoclase feldspan formes hus.

Carol 1-7 Cacos

Kx120-112 1st sm. inlet to the SE of head of Dall Bay; @ high tide line

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Duke Island Area Percy Isl. Ultramafic Cr. Ni, Fe File CRIZZ-K Kx 122-007 - W. and Cow Isl. (Fe) 1954, 50'dd in 1956 Kx 122-008 - Sm. Isl. NW Percy Islis (E) 837'dd in 1956 Kx 122-011 - Parcy Isl. Grp. (CR122-S) Edge Point Au, Ag 1966 - 71 CR120-J SEend of Mary Isl. dd 6 holes East Island Are placer! 1967 CR122-C just SE of Duke Isl. TED # 1 - # 5 Duke Ist. Ultramafic - Judd Hbr. TITE Cr, Ni, Fe Al's Lotes: anchored @ Judd Hbr early et staking potential Boyles Brois dd 1957 "Sainly well protected Misc. US Steel Iron claims Duke Ist. Ultramafic - Hall Gove 5ª Cr, Ni, Fe 1954 1957 dd. Cat Island Cu 50 sacks Cu ore reportedly shipped in 1907 Rufueral PDF compression, OCR, web optimization using a watermarked evaluation copy of CVISION PDFCompressor

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IXL CU, MO 1974 J.W. Huff (Kx) in 1979 Gulf Minerals & Resources had property some core drilling

Reliance Lode Py (Suffer 1953 J.S. Pritcher Kx120-11 "Roe Point" + Latthong indicate Sles of Roe Pt.

Roe Point NOL claims in same folder No, Cu, Au, Ag py, po, cpy, 100' tunneling / xcutting

portal ~ 10' above high tide work

min. along fit. in sc/gneiss belt (calcimica se & atz-mica se)

Red Claims 1968 Au, Cu, Mo 1969 drilling

Quarte Ledge Au 1978 ? No ref's

000061 000000 Nanjan Discovery Mo (same as Mol Claims?) Kx 120-5 Acu included shafts pits, x-cutting, etc. 1960-63 Namiant whistlepig 3.ps. Gullette Placer, Au 1953-57 Kx 120-7 Mouth of Red River, Worten Arm Kx120-14 4 Q.C. 142 "Head of Red River" 1953-55 Grat no 1958 ref dearlier Raw Prospect Chikamin River ~ 1929 ref. Cu, Fe Raw prospect Alamo 1-8 Ca, Fe 1969 Exp. Prospect J.W. Huff-locater El Paso Natil Gas optioned (1969) Glacier Cu, Zn 1954 Exp. Rosp. and swittings Part Very Inlet Steatite (1954) Ky mile up creek in az-mica sc, some py, biotite 600' × 10-20' Strike N1560 another o.c. @ mouth of creek, below high tide line

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Very Inlet Pb-Zn

3n & sp in az-mica sc w/ garnets 15' × 6" × 6'deep N30W, 60E // foliation 20'adit - adjacent shoreline

Unity Inlet QZ Veins Mo, Py in "granetized az-micase" veins w feldspar, py & mey 230+ ×2-5' N200, 40-70 E

Sitklan Pascage Pegnatites Mica commercial size Agrade (1953) mica samet & gamet sands on W. Kanagunut Isl. & Port Tongass

-Peg. in 2 // belts from N. sitklam Isl., N to Nakat Hbr. although not continuocly exposed. - some peg exposed on SE sitklam Isl. "Verniculite" source possible

- in pegis check for REE's, lithium, niobium, cesium, tantalum, uranium

000063 Kth Area + N. Gravina Isl 000062 white Knight Cu, Au (Raw Arospet) W. coast Gravina, SW of Vallenar Bay 200 ids from shore - 50'adit as cpy indiabase dike cutting graphitic slates Six Point Au, Cu (Raw) Vallenar Bay, Gravina PP1 "3 compartment shaft + some drifts" floaded along intrusive contact as staty 1s + atzite py date gangue, only feed it wide (south shore ? B 592 p.93) Easter ~1900 Au 6' deep pit, py + aspy, N7000, 70 N PPI - atzvein, 3800' along strike, - clay slate d-gs sc (hw) up to ~ 20 opt Au (best reported) - bestore: blue ate as gray sulfide (aspi) Gold Stream = Willer Mine, Bell Claim, Cu, Au, Pb, Zh thit gave " wide, 1000 thong " Past Producer" - 50' flooded sheft + 40' xent py, cpy, gr, sli, aspy - azt cale veins in chl-se -best: up to ~ 1 opt Au py, cpy, gr, sli, aspy -chl, tale & az-sericite se 35 se also 100' shaft wy 300' drifts (1905) 115' 11' 11 600' 11' (1907) hi wide - mill on site, free Au, 1' 1' 11 400' 11 iterels (1908) 8-14 wide 1907: Irving Consolidated Mining Co. Au as grit sph. in veing which xcut so fol. 1908: 3000 tons one mined, whan I + bidgs. Au in particles & states 2 11 ore zones, 90' apart, thinner one=richer PDF compression, OCR, web optimization using a watermarked evaluation copy of CVISION PDFCompressor

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Ktu Area + N. Gravina (contid) Heckwan Au, Past Producer T? PPI: chisc, w/ azt calc stringers/veins (close to beach) 60'shaft w/ 32' drifts, 8' wide lode 2 mi to N = 50' shaft (B347) (NO MAS#) (1908 also Moonshine -> 1/4 mi 5.05 Heckman, 2 11 veins, strike NW, 18'4 6' wide 35 sc, 30'openciet 12'shaft Hoadley Au, Bi, (exp. prost) Zwi N of Ktn, Vymi from beach veins in symite dike win sc , synetto gabbros okervein: N-5,450, w/pyspo freeke younger vein = higher Au N20.350, 50 500, w/05py In 9 short drifts, arractive BizTezs 4"-24" wide veins contain tetradymite, a telluride of bismuth - electromag europy 1960 Wildcat Antimony, Bi, Au, Cu (exp. prosp.) PP1 1/2 mi 10. of Ktn, 12 mi from beach vein in diorite in blk slt. - up to 4500' long, 12"-15" wide 22 10/9 free Au, py a cpy ~1-1.5 opt Au short turnel, arrestre 13347 - SE of Hoodley claims wins in - same gool as Hoadley described . A syound in scust PDF compression, OCR, web optimization using a watermarked evaluation copy of CVISION PDF compressor

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Goldstone Au, (exp. prosp) Gravine Isl. Patented M.S. 1479 1925 see Plat have written to owners no info Gold Flake 1-4 Au, Ag, Pb (cxp. posp.) Gravina 1959 AW: 1967-74 mainly brushing lines Gold Nugget 1,2 Au (exp. prosp) 5.0f Saxman 109992 POM.S. 1475, 1926 See Plat Saxman-Herring Cove many owners no info Exipple Creek 1,2 sand & Gravel ~ 11 mi N. of Kth. N.S. 226 still doing Ale until 1963 (1st chimed 1953: Kx) Typhoon Au (exp. proop) 6"-8" az vein w/py NODE, FOSE xouts blagm sit's Green Hornet U308 1956 only Kx info Holdon Clay Deposit Clay! clay up to 20' thick, extends 2mi up valley of Vallowar Crk, exposures in crk.

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Beach Au M.S. 1413 1922 See Plat Acc. to Kth Assessors ofc. > 1413 is a USS (survey) so owners not given; assume many owners! Little Sue Noz Au (exp prop) 1956 Kx: 1/2 mi. W. of intersect. of Tongass Ave & Carbonna Rd. No info except Kx White cliff Au Standinkth told many owners in ho info Clairvoyance Au (exp. prosp) Gravina, E. . 1963, 1974 Aus Des 24 open cat only kx info Ite 1-74 Cu (exp) Wiside Crowina KX: 1971, AW73,75-77 no info Green Homet 4000 (Aste only the info Howard Chinese Changes and and another a comment of . PDF compression, OCR, web optimization using a watermarked evaluation copy of CVISION PDFCompressor

Pdaaaa PP1 p. 64 68,67 MR 191 - 1A (Kx 120-25) 8 B520A p.26 Rusvers HR 195-10 P.193 B642B P.22 B347 P.147 - 48 PE120 -3 PE120-4 IRJCR 39 P-12,13 IR SCR 3605 p. 2,1 Thorne Arm area HGW 37 P-2 MR 120-6 400 Plat Sea Level: includes: Goo Goo, Sea Breeze, Gold Bannes. USBM Ball 153 p.29 Eq. PPI gs sc -> activolite, ch, az w/ garnet toale "always impregnated w/ considerable py" gs sc associd us/ calc. schists SLMine: 211 uns which follow a Adike 2'45' uns, but dike also win id 2000' long Free Au, Auinpy & Sh, SI Goo Goo - Evis Mining Co. veins cut dike & into cntryrk sc, cale sc, gs mainly min'ed in dike Sea Breeze Linsh Folder) 2 short adits + opencuts B342 MZ-PZ 1-8' veins in porphyry dike ings metaulcanics gn, SI + porphyry in nate 808 Golden Rod 320'elev, 16'vein, "gd, bus values & ministr Goo Goo 22' vn, 20'shaft, in 15' adit is 3' vn, the Au B347 Majestic (Motherhode) 20'un in altered sc. PY, S', gn in az, 10'adit sust on ridge U of riv. 6' PY, Sh, Sh, She in az, 10'adit Golden Bannet (Golden Tree) 60'adit, sc w/ az un following porphaike, Baby George E mouth of ackachin Baby George Short adit on 10' az un in argillite ags Wild west (Tidewater) S. bank of Gokachin@ mouth, az stringers in art sc High Hotse (Honston) short adit on . 5 - 3' un in isc, py Isl, about insc Slave minized se ay az strugers, she cuts, py w/ low Au values, Queen & Baltic 2 short adits & "inclined set on azun wy py, s1, low Au Baltic Star 1.5' az un in minzdesc, py, si, sn, low Au inaz

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CIRCA 1897 - 1930 IN THE KETCHIKAN AREA

**G**old, copper, marble, palladium, silver, uranium, lead, and zinc. The Ketchikan mining District has produced them all.

In fact, this district can claim the first mineral deposit, record in Alaska. This was a copper deposit near New Kasaan on Prince of Wales Island. Here in 1867 Charles V. Baronovich discovered a vein of chalcopyrite later known as the Copper Queen claim.

Baronovich's discovery, soon after the territory was purchased from Russia, was little known outside of Alaska, but it is questionable how much attention it would have attracted as few would have stampeded for copper.

It was gold that opened up the Ketchikan District. The gold fields of Windham and Holkham Bays, Sitka's Silver Bay, Juneau and Douglas Island had been known for over fifteen years before the prospectors and miners discovered that a gold belt extended as far south as the Canadian border.

With the resulting discovery and promotion of claims, mining camps began to spring up along the shores in many inlets and harbors. Each had distinct features and was independent of others except nearly all were dependent upon Ketchikan for supplies. Some of the camps grew into towns with post offices, while others remained tents or lone buildings in the wilderness.

These towns existed because of the mines they served,

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SULZER, company town for Alaska Industrial Company, was only a few buildings in the wilderness, as the mine had facilities located several miles away. PHOTO CREDIT: National Archives.



had virtually no impact on the fauna of Southeast Alaska. The salmon multiplied in adjacent streams, the deer and bear populations suffered no ill effects despite the fact that no one filed an environmental impact study. Which leads us to believe that the concept of "harvesting" all of our natural resources, both non - renewable and renewable, is more important than preservation of an unfragile wilderness.

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We should be concerned about stocking our salmon streams through hatchery and aqua - culture programs. We should be concerned about properly managing the hunting of wild game. Man can co exist with fish and game without depleting this resource. This too has been proven in Southeast Alaska.

So we suggest that we look to the past in preparation for the future. Let's not try to identify and compare Southeast Alaska with the Midwest, New Mexico, Los Angeles, or even Washington State as we study the impact of an industry that will occupy an area that is a pin point in the panhandle's sixteen million acres. A pin point that will disappear TOTALLY a few decades after the pin is pulled.

Let's look to the past as we anticipate the future. Just think, if all those mining companies, cannery operations, and native settlements that dotted S.E. Alaska during the past 100 years had been compelled to emboil themselves in today's environmental control processes in order to become established they probably never would have existed. Yet they did exist. And where are they today?

Our wonderfully recuperative rain forest jungle has absorbed them. They are now a part of the wilderness!



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