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### **Native Peoples Action Opposes Pebble Mine**

*Pebble Mine poses direct threat to Bristol Bay habitat, fisheries, and Alaska Native ways of life*

The proposed Pebble Mine, a massive open pit mine located on the Kvichak and Nushagak Rivers at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, poses a direct threat to the way of life that has sustained Alaska Native people, communities and habitat since time immemorial. Pebble also threatens the over 130 year sustainable commercial fishery that provides over half the world's wild salmon supply, 14,000 jobs, and over 1.3 billion dollars annually to the American economy. Pebble would be the largest open-pit mine in North America and would produce over 10 billion tons of toxic waste that would be stored at the headwaters of the world's last largest salmon fishery on the planet. With the public comment period coming to a close, it's time to activate our collective voices in opposition.

“We must stand as allies with the people of Bristol Bay who have lived and thrived on these lands and waters for thousands of years. As allies and partners, it is our responsibility to use our voices to let Senators Murkowski and Sullivan know that we oppose the Pebble Mine,” said Kendra Kloster, NPA Executive Director of Native Peoples Action.

To date, the Pebble's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) process has been rushed & is extremely inadequate with major gaps in science and information on impacts to the environment and local people. Just last week, the US House voted to halt funding for the Army Corp to finalize Pebble's EIS due to the inadequacies and corrupt process. It will now be forwarded to the US Senate for further action, a key opportunity for Senators Murkowski and Sullivan to stand with Bristol Bay fisheries. For the last 15 years, Alaska Native people, sportsmen, commercial fishermen and partners have vocally opposed development of the Pebble Mine project. Despite the massive opposition, Pebble has railroaded ahead with the support of the Trump Administration without a clear plan for development, discarding the voices of the residents who would be left with the long-term drastic impacts to the environment and ways of life. This is unacceptable.

“We cannot stand by and be railroaded by the Trump Administration paving the way for the Pebble Mine. We have to show up and use our voices to fight back every step of the way. What we need most is Senator Murkowski to start standing with the vast majority of Alaskans instead of a foreign mining company and halt this facade of a process. Let's flood her office, [flood the comment period](#), pack a rally- we cannot stop until our leadership starts listening. Please stand with Bristol Bay and use your voice! It is needed now more than ever.” Alannah Hurley, NPA co-founder from Clark's Point, Alaska.

Native Peoples Action stands with Bristol Bay in protecting the habitat and ways of life that Alaska Native people have lived in reciprocity with for thousands of years. With the Pebble Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) comment period closing on July 1st, 2019, we advise all to stand with Bristol Bay and oppose the Pebble Mine. Send your comment to the Army Corps of Engineers [here](#).

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