

BUSINESSES FOR BRISTOL BAY

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Dear EPA General Counsel Leopold and Region 10 Administrator Hladick:

As American businesses and entrepreneurs that depend on Bristol Bay's sustainable wild salmon runs, we are writing to express our concerns with the proposed Pebble Mine. There is well-documented science, including the EPA's own Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, showing that Pebble poses serious risks to the Bristol Bay watershed, its world-renowned fisheries, and Indigenous communities. Protecting Bristol Bay is not only the right thing to do, but it's the economically responsible thing to do at a time when our country cannot afford to lose more jobs, income, or domestic food production.

The waters of Bristol Bay are home to the world's most productive and valuable wild salmon fishery. That fishery supplies roughly half of the world's sockeye salmon, supports more than 14,000 fishing and seafood jobs, and generates over \$1.5 billion of annual economic activity. Bristol Bay is the cornerstone of the Alaska seafood industry, with record-breaking harvests in recent years. For recreational purposes, Bristol Bay represents one of the planet's finest destinations for sport fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing, drawing tens of thousands of visitors from across the country and around the world every year.

The Pebble Mine jeopardizes all of this, and yet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has floated this project through the permitting process despite the EPA's peer-reviewed science showing that Pebble would pose “unacceptable adverse impacts.” We appreciate the resources and staff time that went into the EPA's extensive analyses and respect the EPA's expertise on this matter. Consequently, we are extremely concerned with the Army Corps' lack of scrutiny throughout their assessment of the Pebble Mine. The Army Corps' inadequate assessment not only dismisses critical facts, but also downplays the risks to Bristol Bay's established industries and existing businesses.

In 2019, at the direction of Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, Congress passed legislation that gives a clear directive to the EPA: to use its “enforcement authority under the Clean Water Act...at an appropriate time in the permitting process to ensure the full protection of the region.” That time is now. Therefore, we call on the EPA to uphold its responsibility under the Clean Water Act and veto the Pebble Mine. Please, protect the Bristol Bay watershed and the thousands of American businesses that depend on it.

Sincerely,



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Seattle, WA

Alaska Sportsman's Lodge
Anchorage, AK

Alaska's Wild River Guides LLC
Denver, CO

Allen Fly Fishing
Southlake, TX

American Fishing Tackle Company
(AFTCO)
Santa Ana, CA

American Fly Fishing Trade Association
Bozeman, MT

American Sportfishing Association
Alexandria, VA

American Sustainable Business Council
Ancram, NY

Angler's Rendezvous, INC.
Anchorage, AK

Anglers Tonic
Missoula, MT

Argali
Boise, ID

Baranof Wilderness Lodge &
Beyond Boundaries Expeditions
Sitka, AK

Barnett Motorsports
Red Oak, TX

BaseMap
Bothell, WA

Battle River Wilderness Retreat - Battle
Lake, Katmai National Park
Sacramento, CA

Bauer Fly Reels
Twin Bridges, MT

Beacon Fisheries
Jacksonville, FL

Bear Trail Lodge
King Salmon, AK

Beck Photography
Benton, PA

Beluga Air LLC
Homer, AK

Binz and Sons Water Well Drilling
Marengo, IL

Blue Halo
Orem, UT

BobWhite Studio, LLC
Marine on Saint Croix, MN

Bon Appetit
Seattle, WA

Bonnier Corp
Palmetto Bay, FL

Border Grill Restaurants & Truck
Los Angeles, CA

BPI Outdoors
Spencer, TN

Brian O'Keefe Photography
Nyssa, OR

Bristol Bay Economic Development
Corporation
Dillingham, AK

Brookwood Press, Inc
Portland, OR

Burch Barrel
Bozeman, MT

Canon Business Process Services
Valley Village, CA

Cascadia Seafoods, LLC
Petersburg, AK

Charles Post Media LLC
Bozeman, MT

Chris Brenner Photography
Glenview, IL

Coal Point Trading Company
Homer, AK

Coastal Transportation
Seattle, WA

Copper River Fish Market
Cordova, AK

Costa Sunglasses
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Crafted Hospitality
New York, NY

Crystal Creek Lodge, LLC
Coram, MT

Cutter's Hi-School Pharmacy
Beavercreek, OR

CV Land Management
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Dead Weight Fly
Greensboro, NC

Diane's Market Kitchen
Seattle, WA

DUN Magazine
Dover, TN

Duna Fisheries, LLC
Port Townsend, WA

Eastmans Publishing, Inc.
Powell, WY

EcoFish, Inc.
Dover, NH

Ed Cumings, Inc.
Flint, MI

Emerald Air Service
Homer, AK

Emerald Water Anglers, LLC
Normandy Park, WA

Emerger Strategies
Charleston, SC

Envisible
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Far Bank Enterprises
Bainbridge Island, WA

F. D. Kretchman Rod Co.
Kittery Point, ME

Finest Fly Tying Benches of Colorado
Evans, CO

Firelight Camps
Ithaca, NY

First Lite Hunting
Ketchum, ID

Fish People Consulting and Services
Juneau, AK

Fishing with Larry
Columbus, MT

Fishpond Inc.
Denver, CO

Flint Ridge Rifles
Howell, MI

Fly Fisherman Magazine
Harrisburg, PA

Fly Fusion Magazine
Eastport, ID

Fly Water
Bainbridge Island, WA

Fly Water Travel
Ashland, OR

Flying Fish Company LLC
Portland, OR

Flylords
Hillsboro Beach, FL

Fountain-Fort Carson SD
Colorado Springs, CO

Frank Scorzetti, Inc
Arlington, VA

Frontiers
Gibsonia, PA

Furry's Flying and Fun
Anchorage, AK

Giant Eagle
Gibsonia, PA

Ginger Tree Creations
Colorado Springs, CO

G. Loomis
Woodland, WA

Gray's Sporting Journal
Augusta, GA

Hatch Magazine
Philadelphia, PA

Hatch Outdoors
Vista, CA

Heather's Choice
Anchorage, AK

Hilary Nicole Productions
Las Vegas, NV

HNTB
Centennial, CO

Hog Island Boat Works
Steamboat Springs, CO

HuntingLife.com
Lincoln, NE

Hy-Vee
West Des Moines, IA

Iliamna Fish Company
Vancouver, WA

Johnson and Associates
Lafayette, CO

Jolly Rogers II Fisheries LLC
Steinhatchee, FL

KATMAI Wilderness Lodge
Girdwood, AK

King Salmon Associates
Juneau, AK

KUIU
Dixon, CA

Laurden and Associates
College Place, WA

Living Waters Fly Fishing
Round Rock, TX

Logos Capital
Miami Beach, FL

Lone Mtn. Sports
Bozeman, MT

Loon Outdoors
Denver, CO

Lucky Robot
Austin, TX

Madison Park Cafe Catering
Seattle, WA

MARS Creations LLC
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Matt's Fresh Fish
Friday Harbor, WA

MeatEater Inc
Bozeman, MT

Milk and Honey Music House, Inc.
Lake Forest Park, WA

Misty Fjord Seafood
Winthrop, WA

MMercer Consulting
Portland, OR

MoldyChum
Federal Way, WA

Mossy Creek Fly Fishing
Harrisonburg, VA

Mother's Bistro & Bar
Portland, OR

MW Contracting
New Paltz, NY

Mystery Ranch
Bozeman, MT

National Fisheries Institute
McLean, VA

Nautilus Reels
Miami, FL

New Leaf Community Markets
Santa Cruz, CA

New Seasons Market
Portland, OR

No See Um Lodge
King Salmon, AK

North Pond Restaurant
Evanston, IL

Northland Fishing Tackle
Bemidji, MN

OBI (Ocean Beauty, Icicle) Seafoods
Seattle, WA

Okuma
Vashon, WA

Okuma Fishing Tackle
Diamond Bar, CA

On Your Own Adventures
Bozeman, MT

One Fish Foundation
Yarmouth, ME

Orca Bay Foods LLC
Seattle, WA

Oregon Pack Works
Bend, OR

Outside Analytics
Broomfield, CO

Patagonia
Ventura, CA

PCC Community Markets
Seattle, WA

Peterson's Alaskan Guide Service
Kenai, AK

Pierce Cartwright Co.
Anchorage, AK

Pike Street Hospitality Group, Inc.
Seattle, WA

Pioneer Alaskan Fisheries Inc.
Homer, AK

Poncho Outdoors
Austin, TX

Protein Procurement Services
Jacksonville, NC

Public Land Tees
Fort Collins, CO

Rainbow River Lodge Aviation, LLC
Sandy, UT

Rajeff Sports
Vancouver, WA

Rapala USA
Wayzata, MN

Rapid River Digital
Brainerd, MN

Rapids Camp Lodge Inc.
King Salmon, AK

REC Components
Ellington, CT

Redington
Bainbridge Island, WA

Reel Action Fly Fishing
Fredonia, NY

Renaissance Seattle Hotel
Seattle, WA

RepYourWater
Erie, CO

Resiliensea Group, LLC
Sammamish, WA

RIO Products
Bainbridge Island, WA

Rising
Francis, UT

R.L. Winston Rod Company
Twin Bridges, MT

Ro Drift Boats
Bozeman, MT

Rogotzke Enterprises LLC
Hutchinson, MN

Sage Fly Fishing
Bainbridge Island, WA

Sammy's Wild Salmon
Denver, CO

Samuels and Son Seafood Co. Inc.
Gladwyne, PA

Scientific Anglers
Midland, MI

Scott Fly Rod Company
Montrose, CO

Sea Hawk Air, Inc
Kodiak, AK

Sea to Table
Leesburg, VA

Seattle Culinary Academy
Seattle, WA

Seattle Tacoma Box Company
Redmond, OR

Seek Outside
Ridgway, CO

Sherrer Fishing
Oak Harbor, WA

Shizen Restaurant Group
Port Townsend, WA

Sight Line Provisions
Dripping Springs, TX

Silver Bay Seafoods
Sitka, AK

Sitka Gear
Olympic Valley, CA

Sitka Salmon Shares
Sitka, AK

Smith Sport Optics
Roswell, GA

St. Croix Rods
Park Falls, WI

Steelhead Flyfisher
San Francisco, CA

Steen Fisheries LLC
Denver, CO

Stockwell Engineers
Sioux Falls, SD

Stone Glacier, Inc
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Seattle, WA

Sutton Built
Point Pleasant Boro, NJ

Tailwaters Fly Fishing Company
Dallas, TX

Tataki Restaurant Group
Port Townsend, WA

Temple Fork Outfitters
Dallas, TX

The Drake Magazine
Denver, CO

The Fly Fishing Film Tour
Boulder, CO

The Fly Fishing Show
Somerset, PA

The Fly Shop
Redding, CA

The Flyfish Journal
Bellingham, WA

The Green Maya Project
Winnetka, CA

The Venturing Angler
Redwood City, CA

The Waterworks-Lamson
Hailey, ID

Thomas & Thomas Fly Rods
Greenfield, MA

Tides Up Fisheries LLC
Steinhatchee, FL

Tightline Studio
Boise, ID

Tom Douglas Restaurants
Seattle, WA

Tom Douglas' Rub With Love
Seattle, WA

Twelve Baskets Catering
Bellevue, WA

VEDAVOO
Leominster, MA

Vital Choice Seafood, SPC
Bellingham, WA

Waterwisp Flies
Bethesda, MD

Weatherby's Resort, Inc.
Grand Lake Stream, ME

WEI
Anacortes, WA

Western Alaska Sport Fishing Inc,
Hardin, MT

Whole Foods Market
Austin, TX

Wholechain
Boulder, CO

Wildfish
Bellingham, WA

Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures
Bozeman, MT

Z-BAR Construction
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