

ALASKA'S BRISTOL BAY

Not the right place for a giant mine.



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BRISTOL BAY'S FISH & WILDLIFE

The Bristol Bay region is wild country. This Kentucky-sized watershed stretches from the rugged snow-capped peaks of the Alaska Range, across tundra and wetlands laced with rivers that eventually flow into the bay. The famed rivers of this region provide some of the best wild salmon habitat on Earth. The area is internationally recognized and boasts America's largest state park and Lake Iliamna (Alaska's largest lake). All five species of Pacific salmon, including the largest runs of sockeye on the planet, trophy rainbow trout, and numerous other game fish inhabit Bristol Bay's lakes and streams. Wildlife such as brown and black bear, moose, caribou, wolves, eagles, and waterfowl are plentiful. Bristol Bay and its resources create a world-wide mecca for anglers, hunters and other recreation enthusiasts.

THE CULTURE & ECONOMY

Native Alaskans have lived in Bristol Bay for thousands of years, relying primarily on the bounty of the land and waters to sustain their way of life. Generations of families have fished commercially in Bristol Bay and many small businesses have carved out niches in the region, capitalizing on the flourishing salmon populations. The region's fisheries generate nearly \$450 million for Alaska's economy each year, and sport fishing is responsible for upwards of \$160 million of that figure. The commercial fishery is the most valuable in the world, accounting for over 30% of all Alaska salmon harvests and 52% of all private sector jobs in the region. Sport hunting and wildlife-related tourism brings in millions more, while providing additional employment opportunities.

THE PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE PUTS ALL OF THIS AT RISK.

The Pebble deposit is a vast deposit of copper, gold and molybdenum located beneath the headwaters of Bristol Bay's Kvichak and Nushagak Rivers. If built, Pebble would be one of the largest mines in the world and cause irreparable harm to the fishery. The mine developers have not released final mine plans, but based on descriptions submitted with their 2006 water rights application and current mineral deposit estimates, the proposed Pebble mine complex would cover some 54.5 square miles. Pebble could produce as much as 10 billion tons of mine waste including sulfuric acid, heavy metals and possibly cyanide that will have to be treated and stored in perpetuity. The Pebble deposit lies in a seismically active area, and any release of this toxic mining waste into surface or groundwater has the potential to damage Bristol Bay's salmon and rainbow trout populations as well as the people who depend on them.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP PEBBLE MINE.

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For details on how you can help



HOW YOU CAN HELP STOP PEBBLE MINE & PROTECT BRISTOL BAY



CALL OR WRITE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Visit www.SAVEBRISTOLBAY.ORG to contact your elected officials and ask them to protect Bristol Bay from large-scale mine development that will pollute Bristol Bay's rivers and wetlands.



DON'T JUST SIT THERE...SIT THERE AND DONATE

Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska and Trout Unlimited work hand in hand to conserve this world-class hunting and fishing region. You can help by making a donation to either Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska (www.SportsmansAlliance4AK.org) or Trout Unlimited Alaska (www.SaveBristolBay.org). Your donation will go directly toward stopping the Pebble mine and protecting Bristol Bay's fish and wildlife. You can also mail a check to:

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Visit www.SportsmansAlliance4AK.org and www.SaveBristolBay.org and sign up for regular email updates.

Share what you're learning about Bristol Bay with your friends, family, hunting and fishing partners, and business associates...we will need the involvement of many people to make sure Bristol Bay remains the way it is today for the use and enjoyment of future generations.



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