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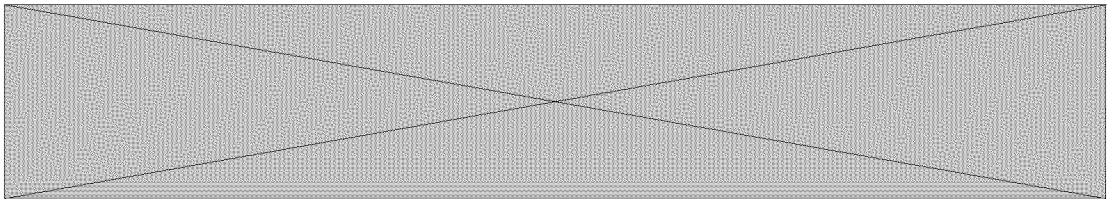

Two weeks ago, a group of Bristol Bay fishermen traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers and fight for the protection of their livelihoods and investments from a risky mega mine project, the Pebble Mine. During this time, on March 20th the CEO of the Pebble Partnership John Shively made shocking remarks at a Seattle meeting of the Northwest Fisheries Association.

Shively told a large crowd of seafood industry leaders that when it comes to post-mining operations, there's no guarantee that the Pebble Partnership will be around to handle the massive responsibility. "At closure, we will have to have a system for closure and we will have to have a very substantial amount of money set aside ***so if we're not available to work on closure, the government or somebody else can do it.***" Presumably that means American taxpayers could wind up with the job of monitoring and treating up to 10 billion tons of mine waste "in perpetuity." You can see his remarks in this short video.

In another video clip, he talked about the mine's potential to "do in" Bristol Bay's salmon economy, saying: "Will I stand here and say there will be zero problems with the mine? No. I'm not going to stand here and say that ocean acidification may not do in the salmon industry long before we do."

In addition, Seafoodnews.com covered Shively's remarks regarding a letter from Sen. Maria Cantwell to the Securities and Exchange Commission pressing them to investigate contradictory claims made by the Pebble backers about whether the company has a "permittable" mine plan or a "fantasy proposal."

In answering a question, Shively revealed that the Pebble Partners -- Northern Dynasty and Anglo American -- actively disagree on some things, including issuing the so-called Wardrop report to the SEC. "I actually asked (Northern Dynasty) not to issue that report because I thought it was premature," said Shively.

Lastly, Alaska Public Radio Network featured a story on commercial fishermen and others who oppose the Pebble Mine.

Here's what former Alaska State Senate President Rick Halford had to say in the piece: "Hiding behind the 'we haven't applied yet' when they have the Wardrop Report that they've paid for and filed with the Security and Exchange Commission; when they have their water rights application that's hundreds of pages long, to take all the water from in both forks of the Koktuli and Upper Talarik creek. They have a lot on paper."

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