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Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 3:11:39 PM
To: Johnson, Michael (Begich)
Subject: RE: Begich Statement on Revised Bristol Bay Assessment

Please do…it betrays a fundamental ignorance of the process and parrots the Pebble/Nuna/RDC talking points on this topic that have failed to reflect even the most basic understanding of the government's peer review process, which we've repeatedly educated them about.

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Hey, I just write the first draft, but I'll send your thoughts along to our press team.

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"hand-picked peer review panel"...??? I heard the exact same language from a Pebble consultant today. Apart from the fact that it's entirely wrong (EPA had nothing to do with choosing peer review panel members), it's just plain strange…and unnecessary.

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Gents, FYI

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Begich Statement on Revised Bristol Bay Assessment

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich made the following statement following today's release of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) revised Bristol Bay assessment:

"The EPA was asked some tough questions by Alaskans and their own hand-picked peer review panel about how large scale development might affect the rich salmon resources of Bristol Bay. While I remain opposed to a pre-emptive veto of this or any other project, an open, public process that answers Alaskans' questions and puts better science on the table is a good thing. I look forward to reviewing this assessment and hope it answers questions about whether this project can meet the high hurdle of developing a large-scale mine while protecting our renewable resources."

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