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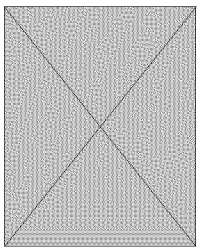

Commercial fishermen from Bristol Bay and around the country sent a strong message to President Obama – release the draft Watershed Assessment now. Earlier this year, the EPA announced another round of review and public comment on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and now commercial fishermen are urging the EPA to jumpstart the process. With another round of review, commercial fishermen fear their voices will not be heard during the busy summer schedule of fishing Bristol Bay. They urge a release by March 19th to allow adequate time to comment before fishing season starts.

Media outlets including KDLG radio quoted the letter to the President from Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay: "Our work begins in late spring and continues virtually non-stop through the summer months. The timing of the second peer review could result in the public comment period occurring while the fishermen who would be most affected by the Pebble Mine are in the region earning their living."

Two people wrote letters to the editor in the Homer News to praise Senator Begich's support of EPA's scientific assessment. Both writers note the importance of the salmon fishery for 14,000 American jobs and the well-being of Alaskans. Referring to the Pebble project, Sean Ruddy wrote: "The Bristol Bay watershed is one of the most dynamic, seismological and hydrological networks in the world; if their project won't qualify for the permits, we should all know that now before any more time is wasted."

Finally, later this month the New England Aquarium hosts chef and National Geographic fellow Barton Seaver, who will talk about the importance of Bristol Bay salmon and the fishermen who harvest them.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Bristol Bay Fishermen Urge Release of Watershed Assessment by March 19
Alaska Native News
The group, which is supported by more than 100 commercial fishing organizations and businesses in Alaska and nationwide, said releasing the updated draft by March 19 will ensure that commercial fishermen from Bristol Bay and around the country have ample opportunity to comment and participate in the process before fishing season begins in late spring … Click here to read more

Letter Sent to President Obama about the "Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment"
KDLG
Mike Mason
An organization formed to advocate for the commercial fishing industry in Bristol Bay has sent a letter to President Obama asking him to ensure that the EPA quickly wraps up its work to finalize the "Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment" … Click here to read more

Harvesters urge swift release of updated watershed assessment
The Cordoba Times
Margaret Bauman
A harvester group supported by over 100 commercial fishing organizations and business around the country is asking the federal government to release its updated draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment by March 19 … Click here to read more

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Fisherman News Online
Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay asked the White House today for a swift release of the Environmental Protection Agency's updated draft watershed assessment of Bristol Bay … Click here to read more

Begich, EPA trying to do right thing
Homer News
Sean Ruddy
Sen. Mark Begich deserves a lot of credit for his recent comments on the EPA study of the proposed Pebble Mine. The two Homer residents who wrote about the issue last week completely hit the nail on the head: The foreign companies who want to build Pebble should be thankful that the EPA is analyzing this project … Click here to read more

Begich's comments appreciated
Homer News
Matthew Hakala
I want to thank the Homer News for publishing the excellent piece from Brett Veerhusen and Will Bishop about Sen. Begich's comments on Pebble Mine during a recent trip to

Homer. It's no secret that many of our families, friends and neighbors depend on a healthy Bristol Bay fishery for our income … Click here to read more

Save Bristol Bay: The Fight for Sockeye Salmon
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