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Bristol Bay in the News June 6, 2013

Bristol Bay has been a big topic in the national media, with a strong story from the Washington Post calling it one of the biggest environmental decisions facing President Obama, and chronicling the money and politics behind the fight.

In addition, actor Robert Redford wrote an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times that was reprinted in the Salt Lake City Tribune, Tacoma News Tribune, and Juneau Empire. He wrote: “But even without a catastrophic earthquake, the toxic chemicals used in copper processing have an ugly way of finding their way into local water and soil. If that happens in this watershed, we can kiss the wild salmon goodbye.”

Mother Jones magazine wrote a piece about Pebble with the headline, "This Alaskan Gold Mine Makes Arctic Drilling Look Good.” In it, fishing captain Katherine Carscallen says: "This entire region is dependent on—and has been living in balance with—salmon for centuries. We have the largest sustainable salmon runs in the country. Letting this mine go forward would be the start of a whole cascade of mines and development, which would be in complete conflict with the land, people, and economy of our region."

In Washington state, a boat builder authored an op-ed about his 30 years of working in the Bristol Bay salmon economy and how many people depend upon it. “Put another way, a lot of people and businesses are affected by one boat, and in the case of Bristol Bay, a rising tide lifts all boats. In Washington there are dozens of small businesses like my own that are tied to the Bristol Bay salmon fishery and directly support hundreds of skilled labor jobs,” wrote Pat Pitsch of Strongback Metal Boats.

Lastly, Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler wrote a letter to the EPA asking the agency to carefully consider fishing jobs in the district when making any decisions about Bristol Bay.

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The biggest environmental decision facing Obama you've never heard of

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The Washington Post
Juliet Eilperin
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The Tacoma News Tribune
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