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Bristol Bay in the News July 22, 2013

Sen. Lisa Murkowski made it crystal clear to the Pebble Partnership that continuing to talk about a mine plan but not actually submit one for nearly a decade is hurting the project and the state. In a strongly worded letter to the heads of the Pebble Partnership, Anglo American and Northern Dynasty Minerals, Sen. Murkowski wrote that " anxiety, frustration and confusion that have become the norm in many communities…" She asked the Pebble owners to establish a timeline and stick to it to provide clarity and certainty on their future plans. The letter was covered in a wide variety of outlets from *Politico* to the *Miami Herald* and more.

Gina McCarthy was confirmed as EPA Administrator last week and the *Washington Post* reports that she faces a long to-do list and in the top six is to "decide whether to block construction of Pebble Mine in Alaska."

A fisheries scientist who has studied the region in depth says Bristol Bay has "the largest, most diverse and valuable sockeye salmon runs left on the planet." Fish biologist Carol Ann Woody says, if anything, the science is actually conservative and clearly supports potential regulatory action by EPA to protect Bristol Bay. "After all, there are copper deposits all over the world; there is only one Bristol Bay," she wrote.

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Murkowski: Pebble should provide more specifics

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Becky Bohrer, Associated Press
Anchorage Daily News, Enquirer Herald (SC), Daily Journal, Your Alaska, Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Juneau Empire and Homer News
U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski called on the companies seeking to develop a massive copper and gold prospect near the headwaters of a premier salmon fishery to release a mine plan soon, saying they are contributing to uncertainty surrounding the proposed Pebble Mine...Click here to read more

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Alex Guillen
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The developers of the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska have been talking about the project for years, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski says it's high time they actually do something...Click here to read more

Sen. Lisa Murkowski criticizes planners of proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska

Trevor Graff, McClatchy Washington Bureau

McClatchy DC, Miami Herald, Kansas City Star, Wichita Eagle and San Luis Obispo Tribune
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New EPA chief has an ambitious to-do list

Juliet Eilperin
The Washington Post
Now that Environmental Protection Agency administrator Gina McCarthy has been confirmed, she faces a lengthy to-do list. To get a sense of the pent-up demand for EPA action, consider how Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) put it in a statement Friday. "With so many challenges facing public health and the environment, it's important for Administrator McCarthy to hit the ground running...Click here to read more

EPA's Pebble assessment sells Bristol Bay salmon short

Carol Ann Woody
Alaska Dispatch
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When You Mess with Salmon, You're Messing with Alaskans

Ben Goldfarb
Policy Mic
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News Bites: Murkowski presses mine developers for plan

Zack Colman and Ben Geman
The Hill
The developers of a controversial planned Alaskan copper-and-gold mine need to file their formal blueprint with the Environmental Protection Agency, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said Monday...Click here to read more

Public Opinion Rising Against Pebble Mine

Alaska Native News
A final tally isn't available yet, but the majority of opinion offered to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment rests firmly on the side of the fish, rather than copper, gold and molybdenum. The Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, having taken a hard look at responses posted on the EPA's website, noted that as of June 28, 68 percent...Click here to read more

Loud and Clear: 77% Think Pebble Mine is a Bad Idea

Colin K. Breck
Hatch Magazine
On June 30, the EPA closed its second public comment period regarding the latest draft of its risk assessment of large-scale open-pit mining in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska. Specifically addressed in the assessment are the likely scenarios that would result from the realization of the yet-to-be formally proposed but heavily researched and planned Pebble Mine...Click here to read more

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