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Bristol Bay in the News, March 28, 2013

Commercial fishermen took to Capitol Hill last week for meetings with Congressional representatives and agencies to deliver the message that they will stand up and fight for their jobs, industry and investments. They also discussed the substantial economic benefits and revenues that flow from Bristol Bay's commercial salmon fishing industry down to the West Coast and across the country.

"Our message was well received, and we look forward to converting our growing congressional support into substantial action and the publication of the final Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment," writes fisherman Ben Blakey in a blog post.

An op-ed in the Juneau Empire refutes the Pebble Partnership's frequent refrain that it has no mine plan to criticize, countering their claims by citing company presentations, reports, press releases, water rights application, advertising and more. They say there's enough information about "the location, size and geochemical makeup of the deposit, water use, power needs, waste, etc. to have an honest conversation about the impacts of large-scale mining in Bristol Bay."

The authors write: "The Pebble Limited Partnership's approach to the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment is an insult to the intelligence of Alaskans. They say the assessment is based on a "fantasy mine plan" and that "no mining plans exist," claiming that EPA's findings are invalid. If that were the case, the state of Alaska should immediately drop Pebble's water rights application and priority date until there is a plan."

Finally, there were a number of stories about the Orvis Company's

commitment to protecting Bristol Bay. The Vermont-based gear maker and clothing company has pledged to match donations up to $50,000 to help protect Bristol Bay's clean waters, fish and wildlife habitat.

For more information, visit savebristolbay.org

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Commercial Fishermen For Bristol Bay
After four days and over thirty meetings with EPA, CEQ and congressional leaders, Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay representatives are back home in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest… Click here to read more.

Governor Parnell: Pebble has a plan and you have it

Juneau Empire
Brian Kraft and Katherine Carscallen
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Northern Dynasty Responds To Allegation Make By Senator Cantwell

KDLG – Dillingham
Mike Mason
Northern Dynasty Minerals has responded to the allegations made earlier this week by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell that the company was misleading federal officials. In a written statement issued Tuesday Northern Dynasty Minerals President and CEO claimed that Senator Cantwell's concerns have no basis in fact… Click here to read more

Orvis Pledges $100k to "Stop Pebble Mine"

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The retail company Orvis, which specializes in fly-fishing equipment and apparel, is pledging big money in the fight against the Pebble Mine. Orvis has stated a goal of raising $100,000 this year for Trout Unlimited and the "Stop Pebble Mine" campaign, citing the proposed mine's potential environmental hazards… Click here to read more

Orvis fights Alaskan Mine project

The Barre Montpelier Times Argus
A national campaign to stop the controversial Pebble gold mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay region is the top conservation priority for The Orvis Company… Click here to read more

Investigation sought on statements regarding Pebble mine

Cordoba Times
Margaret Bauman
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Groups propose own plan for Bristol Bay

Seattle PI
Becky Bohrer
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Bloomberg
Stephen Morris
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