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News Headline: BRISTOL BAY: Panel to examine EPA's watershed study |

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News Text: A House panel will examine U.S. EPA's objections to Pebble LP's plans for a large-scale gold and copper mine in southwestern Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed.

The House Science Space and Technology Subcommittee on Oversight calls its hearing "EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment -- A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario."

EPA wrapped up the comment period on its watershed assessment late last month, receiving roughly 621,773 letters on the revised draft (Greenwire, July 1).

The agency first launched the assessment in February 2011 amid concerns from Native Alaskans and

environmental groups about plans for a mine by Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. and London-based Anglo American PLC, Pebble's owners.

Concerned that the agency would issue a pre-emptive veto of the project, the company and its supporters have been urging EPA to wait it out until they provide a tangible development plan.

As the issue heats up, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) is asking Pebble to release a development plan, saying in a letter to the company that the uncertainty surrounding the possible mine is creating "anxiety, frustration, and confusion" (E&E Daily, July 9).

Groups for and against the project launched lobbying efforts prior to the closing of the EPA comment period.

"It's important to EPA and eventually the White House to hear from people that they care about this," said Joel Reynolds, the Western director of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "And we do know, also, that organizations funded by the Koch brothers have really ramped up their efforts in support of the Pebble mine and against EPA."

This is the House subcommittee's first look at the watershed assessment.

Schedule: The hearing is Thursday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m. in 2318 Rayburn.

Witnesses: Lowell Rothschild, senior counsel at Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; Michael Kavanaugh, senior principal at Geosyntec Consultants and member of the National Academy of Engineering; William Riley, former mining coordinator for EPA Region 10; and Daniel McGroarty, president of the American Resources Policy Network.