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Bristol Bay in the News, June 14, 2013

The Seattle Times published a strong editorial that Bristol Bay should be protected from the epic scale of the proposed Pebble Mine, which creates deep concerns about impacts on rivers, streams and wetlands.

The editorial board writes: "Plans for a massive copper and gold mine at the headwaters of Bristol Bay represent a long-term hazard to the health of an extraordinary source of wild salmon." Emphasizing the natural resources and commercial bounty of the fishery, the opinion concludes: "Protect a valuable resource from an avoidable and artificial hazard."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski had strong words for the Pebble Partnership in Alaska recently and said the mine backers aren't helping themselves by not disclosing a plan. "As a policymaker who spends most of my days saying there is a process we need to follow, I have a tough time telling the state to chop it off at the knees. But I'll tell you one thing: Pebble isn't doing itself any favors by not giving more definition to its plans. They have documents to the moon, but no images or mine plans. The best thing Pebble could do is lay it on the table so we have something real to deal with."

In the Beltway, Politico covered the battle over Pebble Mine behind the scenes, chronicling some of the opposition to the mine, reporting on the EPA process and big spending on lobbying by the Pebble backers.

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Letters to the Editor
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Claire Thompson
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