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Bristol Bay in the News July 3, 2013

Alaska Native and Olympic snowboarder Callan Chythlook-Sifsof wrote a well-received piece in *the New York Times* that was one of the most read articles of the day. Titled, "Native Alaska, Under Threat," the opinion piece described her upbringing in Bristol Bay and the native community's reliance on and reverence for salmon and deep concerns about the Pebble Mine. Chythlook-Sifsof concluded: "The E.P.A. can block the mine under the Clean Water Act — something our government has done rarely and judiciously. If ever there were a case for using this power, Bristol Bay is the place, with a fishery of global scale and value, and Native communities dependent upon salmon."

Salon magazine asks whether Pebble and its massive tailings ponds may spell the end of half the world's sockeye salmon. "All that waste would be held back behind an enormous dam in a tectonically active area. Fifty years or more down the road, when the mine is empty of useful minerals and abandoned, the dam will still stand, expected to contain a deadly mix of chemicals in perpetuity, a ticking time bomb in an earthquake-prone area," writes Aaron Kase.

The Bristol Bay sockeye salmon run may be headed for a banner season, with the largest catch at this point in the season in more than 40 years – since 1967.

A letter to the editor in *the Washington Post* takes the mining companies' claim that a mega copper mine can coexist safely with a thriving global fishery. In an excerpt, Joel Reynolds writes: "While the mining companies promise they can engineer adequate protection, Environmental Protection Agency scientists say a breach in containment would be "catastrophic," and harm to the fishery, wildlife and surrounding communities would be widespread even if Pebble or any other large-scale mine in that location were to operate perfectly — which no large mine ever

has."

Lastly, two investment firms, Trillium and Calvert, representing 27 investors with over $35 billion in assets, called on the Environmental Protection Agency to protect Bristol Bay from unacceptable, adverse impacts of mine waste. At the same time, a group of 100 jewelers representing $6 billion in sales—including Tiffany & Co., Zales and Helzberg Diamonds — pledged support to protect Bristol Bay from the Pebble project and committed to never using metals mined at the site.

For more information, visit savebristolbay.org

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Native Alaska, Under Threat

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Callan J. Chythlook-Sifsof
The New York Times
PARK CITY, Utah — I TRAVEL the world on the professional ski and snowboard circuit, but I grew up in a place most will never know firsthand. I was raised in Aleknagik, Alaska — an indigenous Yupik Eskimo village 400 air miles from the nearest chairlift...Click here to read more

The end of sockeye salmon?

Aaron Kase
Salon
The habitat for half the world supply of wild sockeye salmon — as well as a critical area for other wildlife, tourism and native peoples — is at urgent risk of being filled with pollutants, and sterilized in the name of gold and copper mining...Click here to read more

Too great a risk to Bristol Bay

Joel Reynolds, Santa Monica CA
The Washington Post
Regarding the June 24 editorial "Save the salmon:" Forever is a very long time, but that's how long the massive Pebble Mine and its toxic waste would have to be contained at the headwaters of the Bristol Bay wild salmon fishery in southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

Largest Catch and Escapement of Sockeye in Bristol Bay for this Point in the Season since 1967

Mike Mason
KDLG
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Trillium Asset Management and Calvert Investments Lead Investors in Voicing Deep Concerns Regarding Pebble Mine

Trillium Assets
The Herald (SC)
Sustainable and responsible investment firms Trillium Asset Management, LLC and Calvert Investments, Inc. are leading a group of 27 investors representing over $35 billion in assets, calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to initiate a Clean Water Act 404(c) review for the proposed Pebble Mine project...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay must be thoroughly studied

Editorial
The Washington Post
IN THE rivers, streams and wetlands of southwest Alaska, tens of millions of bright pink fish swim upstream every year to spawn. The watershed area around Bristol Bay is one of the last unspoiled habitats in the world, home to moose, bears, caribou and, yes, sockeye salmon...Click here to read more

100 Jewelers Pledge Support for Alaska's Bristol Bay from Pebble Mine

Earthworks
Rapaport Diamonds.net
Earthworks confirmed that more than 100 jewelers, representing more than $6 billion in annual sales, have pledged their support to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay from the proposed Pebble Mine. The jewelers have either issued comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or signed the Bristol Bay Protection Pledge...Click here to read more

523,230 Comments is Not Enough

Chad Shmukler
Hatch Magazine
Eight days remain in the EPA's open public comment period regarding the feasibility of mining in Bristol Bay, Alaska. To date, 523,320 have been received. While there is no question that over half a million comments represents a large number of individuals...Click here to read more

Chefs, Nonprofit, Team Up to Serve Sockeye across the US

Dave Bendinger
KDLG
DILLINGHAM: Not all consumers, or even chefs for that matter, know the different choices they have when it comes to ordering salmon. And outside of Alaska especially, knowledge of Bristol Bay, the fish that come from here, and the fishermen who catch them, runs a little thin...Click here to read more

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