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Bristol Bay in the News April 17, 2013

A piece in the Alaska Dispatch by Bristol Bay Yup'ik artist Apayo Strub addresses why so many in Bristol Bay are "losing faith" in the Alaska state government. Writing about the latest, controversial Bristol Bay Area Plan drafted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), she notes that DNR section chief Bruce Phelps said a land's classification doesn't matter because it can still be used for something else – conveniently omitting that those two uses must be compatible.

She then writes: "It all starts making sense that the DNR would misguide local Bristol Bay residents and downplay the importance of the classifications when you do your own research and find out that the Pebble Limited Partnership voluntarily jumped on board as a defendant intervener in the lawsuit against the state. If it was really like Phelps says, and classifications have no effect on the development that is permitted in Bristol Bay, why would Pebble volunteer to add more litigation to their list of lawsuits?"

KDLG reported that Rapala, a company that makes more than 20 million fishing lures a year, is joining the more than 900 hunting and fishing businesses and groups across the country that oppose construction of Pebble mine. Renewable Resources Coalition Executive Director Anders Gustafson said, "We've moved from beyond the fly-fishing realm to the hardware companies that actually use these metals and minerals in their products. They understand that Bristol Bay is a special place and deserves special protection." Rapala unites with other industry leaders and businesses calling on the Obama Administration to use its Clean Water Act powers to protect Bristol Bay.

And, the Dutch Harbor Fisherman covered the International Tourism Exchange hosted by the Naknek Native Village Council last month. The Bristol Bay region plans to drive economic development by growing sustainable tourism in the area. "There is nothing in the world like the sockeye fishery of Bristol Bay. Naknek is the sockeye capital of the world," said Bristol Bay Borough Mayor, Dan O'Hara.

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Losing faith in Alaska over Bristol Bay Area Plan revision

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Alaska Dispatch
Apayo Strub
The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is making rounds in Southwest Alaska presenting its newest version of the Bristol Bay Area Plan (BBAP). This revised plan is the state's answer to a recently settled lawsuit contesting changes made under Governor Murkowski's administration in 2005 to the 1984 BBAP… Click here to read more

Rapala Lends Support to RRC Against Pebble Mine

KDLG
Dave Bendinger
"It's pretty great to have them come onboard with us," said Renewable Resources

Coalition Executive Director Anders Gustafson. Rapala, which bills itself as the world's leading manufacturer of fishing lures, is lending support to the Renewable Resources Coalition in the campaign to stop development of the proposed Pebble mine… Click here to read more

Bristol Bay tourism ideas floated in International Tourism Exchange

Dutch Harbor Fisherman
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