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For your information as you talk with the managers.

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"To protect your rivers, protect your mountains."

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FYI

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From: Scott Hed <scott@sportsmansalliance4ak.org>
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Shoren,

I just wanted to let you know that the attached letter, to which Trout Unlimited is a signatory, was sent to EPA Administrator Jackson this afternoon.

Have a great day.

Scott Hed

Director

Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska

From: Scott Hed [mailto:scott@sportsmansalliance4ak.org]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 3:02 PM
To: 'jackson.lisa@epa.gov'
Subject: Sporting Interests Letter in Support of 404c Action in Bristol Bay region

Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of nearly 300 sport fishing and hunting organizations and businesses, I respectfully submit the attached letter in support of the Environmental Protection Agency taking action under Section 404c of the Clean Water Act in order to protect some of the most productive fish and game habitat in the United States of America, if not the world.

As of today's date, two-hundred ninety-four (294) organizations and businesses involved with sport fishing and hunting are speaking up in favor of protecting the Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska. The diversity of these interests is astounding, with representation from forty-five (45) US states plus the District of Columbia and five (5) foreign countries. Bristol Bay is truly viewed as a "once in a lifetime" destination among those who love to fish and hunt. As you might expect, the highest number of signers from any state come from Alaska. Incidentally, the highest number of supporters from a foreign country come from the United Kingdom – home of Anglo-American, one of the partners in the controversial proposed Pebble Mine.

These are not your typical environmental interest groups, either. The signers to the letter range from catch and release angling groups (Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers) to big game hunting organizations (Dallas Safari Club and the North American Hunting Club). Sport fishing lodges and retail shops are joined on the letter by bear hunting guides and manufacturers of fly fishing gear and firearms. Given that both major political parties and both sides of the political spectrum have utilized this tool to protect critical fish and wildlife habitat in the past, these more conservative interests stand ready to support EPA taking action under Section 404c of the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay.

I will provide updated versions of this letter as more interested parties join the effort in coming weeks and months. In the meantime, should you or your staff have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email.

Thank you for your interest in this issue of critical importance to sportsmen and women from the United States and abroad.

I look forward to working with you and your agency to see that Bristol Bay remains one of the world's top sport fishing and hunting destinations for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Scott Hed

Director

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