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Growing support for Bristol Bay's commercial fishery and fishing jobs was featured in newspapers in Massachusetts and Maine this week. The Gloucester Times published a front page story on Bristol Bay fishing captain Katherine Carscallen's meeting with Massachusetts Rep. John Tierney, Gloucester fishermen, and the Massachusetts Fishing Partnership.

The article concluded: "The local fishermen agreed to contact other government officials, and write letters of support for Carscallen and her fight against the Pebble mine and for the Alaskan salmon fishery. Legislators from eight other states have done the same, Carscallen said."

A letter to the editor in the Bangor, Maine paper highlighted threats to Bristol Bay's 130-year old fishery from Pebble Mine's waste and operations. Bristol Bay commercial fisherman and Maine resident Max Hames writes: "While the Environmental Protection Agency is forced to retroactively clean up the Callahan site, it has the opportunity to proactively protect Bristol Bay, its fishery and the native people who call the region home. ... I hope the EPA learns lessons from a superfund site in Maine and applies it to Alaska. About 14,000 commercial fishing jobs, including mine, could be on the line."

And, a blog post about proposed changes to the State of Alaska's Bristol Bay Area Plan describes the pros and cons of the current draft management plan for the region. Lindsey Bloom writes: "While some ground was gained for protecting Bristol Bay, the State's proposal largely fails to take into account the concerns and opinions of local communities and does little to protect wild game, salmon, subsistence, recreation, sport fishing, or other public uses of fish and game in Bristol Bay."

She describes how stakeholders were left out in the cold during the last update in 2005 and urges them to comment on the proposed changes.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Sharing concerns for fisheries
Gloucester Times and Eagle-Tribune
James Niedzinski
Fishermen from Gloucester and Alaska fish drastically different areas during different times of the year, but one thing is for certain: They're all in the same boat when it comes to defending and protecting an industry under siege from many sides ... Click here to read more

I, ME, mine
Bangor Daily News
Max Hames
I read with interest the BDN article, "State, federal agencies to update public on cleanup of toxic former mine in Brooksville" on Oct. 19 about the ongoing cleanup efforts at the Callahan Mine site in Cape Rosier. It's particularly troubling that a mine that hasn't produced copper in 40 years is still threatening public health and the environment ... Click here to read more

Changes to Bristol Bay Area Plan fall short; public comments needed now
Save Bristol Bay
Lindsey Bloom
If the term "Bristol Bay Area Plan" rings a bell to Save Bristol Bay Supporters you may remember that in 2009 six Bristol Bay Tribes, the Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association, and Trout Unlimited Alaska sued the Alaska Department of Natural Resources over its changes to this land use planning document for Bristol Bay ... Click here to read more

Pebble Mine: Qui Bono?
Counter Punch
Keegan Birchfield and Stacy Vega
Pebble Mine is a hot topic today both in Alaska and nationally. Proponents and opponents have spent millions to assess impacts both economically and environmentally, but we shouldn't we take a more holistic approach to impacts? In a best case scenario, Pebble Mine looks to be one of the greatest revenue generating mines in Alaska ... Click here to read more

Bristol Bay Area Plan
Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska
The video below explains the State of Alaska's Bristol Bay Area Plan which was originally created in 1984, revised drastically (in a very bad way) in 2005, challenged in court and because of a settlement agreement between the State of Alaska and the plaintiffs, will be revised in 2013 ... Click here to read more

When it comes to Pebble Mine, here is what's at stake (a Photo essay)
Switchboard Blog
Sylvia Fallon and Jacob Scherr
As Aldo Leopold once pointed out, not everyone makes it to Alaska – just like not everyone makes it to heaven. I am one of the fortunate ones who has been to Alaska and as a result I feel like I've already been to heaven. But

Pebble Mine – a massive copper and gold mine proposed at the headwaters of Bristol Bay – threatens to turn this slice of heaven into a pit of hellish destruction … Click here to read more

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