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Bristol Bay in the News: July 2, 2012

Fishing hound Paul Greenberg, author of "Four Fish," sends the first *New York Times* dispatch from a summer getaway of fishing in Bristol Bay, with Chef Barton Seaver and others. The first species to get caught on his line is the unsung Arctic grayling.

Paul writes: "Arctic grayling demand incredibly clean, cold water. And it's for this reason that they have not held their ground in the Lower 48. Once upon a time they could be found in great numbers in the northerly parts of the Western states, but municipal sewage, agricultural runoff and—perhaps above all—mining have so polluted American rivers that grayling can now be found in any numbers only in Canada and Alaska."

He addresses the Pebble Mine's threats to Bristol Bay's 35 fish species, including grayling. "Grayling are the ultimate indicator species and demand incredibly clean water. It is hard to imagine a fish this pure surviving in the face of a mine this big."

At the 11th hour, the Pebble Partnership asked the EPA to add Pebble's science data to the agency's materials that a peer review panel of scientists will consider when it provides comment on the watershed assessment.

Letter writer Charlie Charlesworth of Pennsylvania says Bristol Bay merits protection from Pebble mine. He writes: "The Environmental Protection Agency recently released a report that stated what those in the sport and commercial fishing communities already know: the Pebble Mine would cause serious harm to Bristol Bay's fish and wildlife. That's why I am joining sportsmen around the nation in calling on the EPA to use its authority to stop the Pebble Mine."

And, a fisherman originally from California laments what has been lost with salmon in the lower 48 and why he migrated north to Alaska. Gerald Masolini says it's hard to believe Pebble is even up for discussion. He writes: "And that is why I am so foaming-at-the-mouth against the proposed Pebble gold and copper mine in Western Alaska, right in the heart of the Bristol Bay fishery that produces up to 40 million red (sockeye) salmon every summer. Bristol Bay, like the goose that lays the golden eggs, is a magic gourmet grocery store that restocks its own shelves. All we have to do is take care of the store."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Chasing the Sockeye Salmon Migration
Paul Greenberg
The New York Times, Mark Bittman Blog
It seems only fitting that the first fish we catch and eat in the shadow of what could be fish-kind's worst nightmare would be one that 98 percent of Americans have never heard of (let alone eaten). Thymallus arcticus, known commonly as the Arctic grayling, is a member of the whitefish family (yes, that whitefish, as in smoked whitefish salad on a bagel) and is esteemed by anglers for its elegant dorsal fin...Click here to read more

Pebble Limited Partnership weighs in on peer review process for EPA mining study
AP
KTUU, Canadian Business and The Daily Journal
The group behind the Pebble Mine project wants the environmental data it's covered to be considered by a peer review panel. The panel is being convened to evaluate a draft study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the impacts of mining on the Bristol Bay region...Click here to read more

Letters to the Editor: Don't endanger huge salmon run
Charlie Charlesworth, Clarks Summit PA
The Times Tribune
As the host of the television program "Fly Fishing Top 2 Bottom," I am passionate about protecting our water resources. They provide commercial and recreational opportunities for thousands of American fishermen, not to mention food for millions around the world...Click here to read more

Letters to the Editor: Bristol Bay
Michael Pschorr, Santa Fe NM
Santa Fe New Mexican
As proposed, Pebble Creek Mine in Alaska's pristine Bristol Bay Wilderness would be North America's largest open-pit mine: two miles wide, 1,700 feet deep, with a cave mine 5,000 feet under the surface, and two earthen dams, each 685 feet high -- taller than the Hoover Dam or the Washington Monument -- to hold back 10 billion tons of toxic mining waste, and planned in active earthquake and flood-prone country...Click here to read more

Northern Dynasty slams EPA report on Pebble project
Natasha Odendaal
Creamer Media's Mining Weekly
TSX-listed Northern Dynasty Minerals has again criticised the recently published draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (BBWA) report, stating that the report held narrow boundaries and restrictions for peer reviewers...Click here to read more

Opinion: Streets of Cordova - Why Pebble Mine makes me foam at the mouth
Gerald Masolini
The Cordova Times and Alaska Dispatch
Westport. North coast of California. 1950s. Okies, Arkies, Italians, Finns, and Portagees. Loggers and lumber mill workers. Fishermen and ranchers. Five finger ferns hanging over shady creeks meandering through endless forests of redwoods and douglas firs. Dark pools full of darting trout. The ocean rocky coast with abalones...Click here to read more

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John Schandelmeier
The News Tribune and Anchorage Daily News
Bristol Bay, home of the greatest sockeye salmon run in the world. People come from everywhere to exploit and share the bounty. Fisherman, processors, and all of the industry necessary to support them congregate there with the goal of striking it rich...Click here to read more

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Bud Hodson and Sonny Petersen
Mat-Su Frontiersman
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EPA Public Testimony on Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine
Media Action
Vimeo
In June 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency held a series of meetings in Bristol Bay, Alaska to gather public input on Pebble Mine and the Bristol Bay Watershed. This video features a sample of public testimony, in which almost all Bristol Bay residents spoke in stark opposition to the proposed developments...Click here to watch

Overwhelming Testimonials for Bristol Bay
Headwaters of History
As a part of EPA's process around its Watershed Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska they toured the NW, AK, and most importantly Bristol Bay holding community forums to hear testimony on their assessment and the impacts of mines like Pebble Mine on Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

"Eat with Joy" says Barton Seaver in Aspen
Brian Clark Howard
National Geographic

"Yes, human actions have caused a problem, but doesn't that give you hope that we can be the solution?" Barton Seaver asked a small group of guests gathered in a glass-walled restaurant at the Aspen Institute in Colorado, host of this year's Aspen Environment Forum...Click here to read more

Back to Bristol Bay
Melissa Trainer
Hooks for Cooks
I'm gearing up to return to Bristol Bay, Alaska this summer. This will be my second research trip to this remote region located in Southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

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