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Bristol Bay in the News, September 12, 2012

Following the end of the Bristol Bay commercial salmon season, fishermen are raising their voices to protect their jobs, industry and Bristol Bay's epic American fishery.

Commercial fisherman John Fairbanks underscores the many jobs and dollars that flow to Washington state from Bristol Bay's fisheries in an op-ed in *The Bellingham Herald.* A board member of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, Fairbanks concludes: "Here in the Northwest we have learned the hard way on how quickly we can lose a resource and the benefits it provides. We are currently spending billions of dollars trying to recover a fraction of what's been lost. It's time to draw the line in our last great American salmon factory - Bristol Bay."

Oregon commercial fisherman John Copp's blog post in *Blue Oregon* notes there are 500 Oregon commercial fishermen, pilots, operators, and sportfishing guides that work in Bristol Bay in a piece titled "Godzilla stalks the Tundra." Copp writes: "There is no rational choice but to save Bristol Bay from Pebble Mine. There is no higher wisdom than to grant permanent refuge to Bristol Bay, its pristine waters, its wild salmon, whales, seabirds, caribou, Brown bears, wolves, and all the rest of its unique and diverse faunal assemblage. And yes, to the thousands of commercial fishermen like me who risk life and limb to bring the world crab, herring, and salmon."

Lastly, Sen. Mark Begich plans to introduce legislation to spend $50 million per year to market American seafood, helping to promote the industry and create jobs.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Mine Restriction would save Bristol Bay Salmon
John Fairbanks
The Bellingham Herald
Last month I returned from my 25th season fishing in one of most productive salmon regions on earth: Bristol Bay Alaska. This fishery supports 14,000 jobs, generates $500 million in annual revenues and has been the backbone for a native way of life for more than 1,000 years...Click here to read more

Godzilla stalks the Tundra
John Copp
Blue Oregon
A monster stalks the tundra in remote Southwestern Alaska. Voracious and poisonous to every living thing it touches, it is so huge that future astronauts will be able to see it from the moon. I'm talking about Pebble Mine, a gigantic hole in the Earth that foreign companies want to create at the headwaters to Bristol Bay, the greatest sockeye salmon run left on this planet...Click here to read more

Peer-reviewed study shows risks to salmon from Pebble mine
Lia Parker, Anchorage AK
Anchorage Daily News
We all have been inundated with information regarding Pebble mine, and it can be very confusing. Pebble proponents would have us believe risks are minimal in comparison to benefits but looking at what the EPA study indicates, this is not the case...Click here to read more

Today's Influence Ads: Northern Dynasty Minerals on Pebble Mine
Influence Alley
National Journal
Northern Dynasty Minerals has a new ad today blasting the Environmental Protection Agency's report assessing mining in Bristol Bay, Ala., as being a "premature, rushed, and error-filled document." The company has been pushing for the EPA to stop its watershed assessment of the Pebble Mine, particularly before a formal development plan has been submitted...Click here to read more

Begich pitches national seafood marketing campaign
Molly Dischner
Anchorage Daily News
Alaska's seafood could get a marketing boost as part of a national effort to spread the word about American ocean products...Click here to read more

Save Bristol Bay
Texas Fly Fishing Adventures

As with anything, if you are not from a certain area there are times when you are absolutely clueless about some things that are going on. It seems that the waters of Bristol Bay are being threatened by the proposal of a Pebble Mine. The Pebble Mine would affect the local Salmon fishery as well as the wildlife in the area and jobs...Click here to read more

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