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Dan Rather broadcast a live *Dan Rather Reports* from King Salmon in Bristol Bay on July 10, featuring interviews with Pebble head John Shively, taped segments, and Chef Rick Moonen discussing sustainable wild salmon while grilling Bristol Bay sockeye. A post by Rather on *Yahoo! News* generated more than 1600 comments, many of them expressing skepticism about the mine project's claims that it will not harm waters or fish.

The New York Times featured Bristol Bay sockeye in its food pages, calling the fish rich, lush and distinctively deep vermilion in color. The Bristol Bay sockeye harvest numbers are promising, with 17.3 million harvested by July 9.

New research shows that copper leaching into salmon streams and habitat decrease salmon's ability to detect predators. The copper interferes with the salmon's sense of smell, preventing it from sniffing a warning chemical released by other fish. "A copper-exposed fish is not getting the information it needs to make good decisions," said scientist Jennifer McIntyre of Washington State University.

Four Fish author Paul Greenberg adds a fifth dispatch from Bristol Bay, writing in *The Atlantic* about the "waterworld" of salmon. Greenberg writes: "Water is forever moving under the spongy tundra, coursing through it, bursting out in one little lake here, another small stream there. And throughout, these underwater currents interconnect." He concludes: "Everything here is floating delicately above a coursing, living circulatory system. Everything here can slip away at a moment's notice."

Hal Herring of *Field & Stream* makes an eloquent plea to comment on the EPA's watershed assessment. He writes: "If you are a Field & Stream reader, you know what is at stake here, north of Bristol Bay, in the heart of the burgeoning

wilds, in the headwaters of our souls...Now is the time for those of us who know what is there, and for those of us who would one day like to see it as it is, in the perfection of its creation, to be heard."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Red Gold
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Yahoo! News
America gets over 60 percent of its seafood from Alaskan waters. Now a proposed open pit mine, which would be one of the largest in the world, has some residents here concerned. They're worried that regardless of the economic benefits, giant ponds that would be used to store waste from the mine could pollute Alaska's pristine waters...Click here to read more

Dan Rather tackles Pebble Mine in 'Red Gold'
Alaska Dispatch
Dan Rather brings his award-winning weekly news program to Alaska this week to tackle the controversial Pebble Mine proposal in the headwaters of Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

The amazing Waterworld of the Wild Alaskan Salmon
Paul Greenberg
The Atlantic
It takes a lot of country to grow a lot of salmon. But not just any country. For a salmon system to work, there needs to be an unusual and interconnected conveyance of water through an ecosystem -- something that seems obvious, but which is endlessly interesting when you start honing in on the details of an intact salmon system...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay salmon harvest at 17.3 million fish
Margaret Bauman
The Cordova Times
Cool, rainy weather notwithstanding, it was a very good week for Bristol Bay, where the harvest grew to some 17.3 million wild Alaska salmon by July 9...Click here to read more

Fresh Sockeye Salmon, Complete with a Cause
Florence Fabricant
The New York Times
Rich, lush and distinctively deep vermilion in color, sockeye salmon from Bristol Bay, Alaska, is now in season for about a month. It is also in the spotlight. The bay is the largest spawning ground for the sockeye and king salmon in the world; its headwaters are also the site of the proposed open-pit Pebble Mine for gold and copper...Click here to read more

Copper makes Salmon an Easy Meal for Predators: Study

Roxanne Palmer
International Business Times
Copper leaching into a salmon's habitat makes the fish more vulnerable to predators, according to new research from Washington State University...Click here to read more

Join the Shout to Save Bristol Bay
Hal Herring
Field & Stream, The Conservationist
In 2008, I made a trip to the Mulchatna River to fish with friends and see some of the country that would be forever changed by the Pebble Mine Project. I've never been back--although I'd give most anything to fish those waters again...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine Expose from PBS-TV's Frontline
Craig Weatherby and Randy Hartnell
The Vital Choice
We've long informed our readers about the serious risks posed to wild salmon by the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska...Click here to read more

Prized Bristol Bay fishery on track as salmon season wanes
Alex DeMarban
Alaska Dispatch and Eye on the Arctic
The number of fish returning to the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery has fallen sharply in at least one major river, but state officials say that overall Bristol Bay is on track for a close-to-average year...Click here to read more

Yakama Nation works on sockeye reintroduction
AP
The Seattle Times
In its fourth year of a program to reintroduce sockeye salmon to the Yakima River Basin, the Yakama Nation plans to wrap up the process Thursday of collecting thousands of adult fish for release in Lake Cle Elum on the east slope of the Cascades...Click here to read more

Webinars offered on Bristol Bay draft watershed assessment
The Cordova Times
Two webinars offering an overview of the draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment will be provided online by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency July 17 and July 19 to everyone interested in learning more about this document...Click here to read more

Chef Javan Small of the Farmhouse Restaurant speaks out against Pebble Mine
Penns News
Chef Javan Small of the Farmhouse in Emmaus, Pennsylvania speaks out against Pebble Mine. We asked partner chefs across the country what they think of the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Their answer was adamant: Stop Pebble Mine and save Alaska's sockeye salmon...Click here to read more

Comments wanted in Alaskan Salmon vs. Pebble Mine Fight 7-8-2012
Gary Enberg Outdoors

The Environmental Protection Agency's Bristol Bay watershed assessment currently offers every American the chance to comment on whether the world's largest sockeye salmon run should coexist with a giant open pit mine in the headwaters of the Nushagak and Kvichak rivers...Click here to read more

EPA – no extension on Bristol Bay watershed comment period
Moldy Chum
The Environmental Protection Agency has announced it won't extend the 60-day public comment period on the agency's draft assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed, a study of the environmental impact the controversial Pebble Mine or other projects could have on the important fishing area...Click here to read more

Save the Wild Salmon Update: "serious threat" says EPA Assessment of Bristol Bay by proposed Pebble Mine
Parent Earth
The EPA just released a watershed assessment of Bristol Bay. This assessment has concluded that: "the proposed Pebble Mine prospect poses serious threats to the largest runs of salmon in the United States" says Paul Greenberg, author of ground-breaking *New York Times'* bestseller, *Four Fish: The Future of the Last Wild Food*...Click here to read more

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