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Opposition to and questions about Pebble's science review conducted by the Keystone Center were front and center in Alaska all week. More than 125 people protested outside the meeting, urging Keystone to go back to Colorado and expressing support for the rigorous science of the EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. Here's an excerpt from a KTVA TV story: "There is not an example on planet Earth of a mine of this type and this size that has operated and not contaminated the water," said Lindsey Bloom of Juneau, who commercial fishes in Bristol Bay. "Until we can see an example like that somewhere else, why be the experiment in Bristol Bay?"

In a widely traveled AP story, Bristol Bay Native Corp. chairman Joseph Chythlook told a Keystone panel that he suspects Pebble has already crafted multiple mine plans but won't make them public. "Keystone's process was started by the very folks who want to develop this mine. This first of all calls into question how objective this process may be," Chythlook said

More controversy swirled when Keystone removed renowned fisheries expert Dr. Daniel Schindler from the panel due to "perceived bias," even though Keystone coordinator Todd Bryan called his dismissal "extremely traumatic." In addition, a second scientist, Dr. David Montgomery withdrew from the panel, saying that he believes it's necessary to evaluate an entire mine plan, not just baseline data. The Keystone meetings continue this week.

In other media coverage, renowned Seattle Chef Tom Douglas announced his support for protection of Bristol Bay salmon at an event; *National Geographic* fellow Barton Seaver appeared on a Seattle TV show talking about why people should eat Bristol Bay salmon and why it's at risk; and best-selling author Paul Greenberg did a radio interview with NPR affiliate KPLU, predicting that Pebble-like food vs. mineral fights will become the conflict of the next 100 years.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Opponents of Alaska's Pebble mine cry foul over developer's scientific review
Lisa Demer
Anchorage Daily News, Kansas City Star, Washington Examiner, McClatchy DC, and Bellingham Herald
The group aiming to develop a giant copper and gold mine in the Bristol Bay area is vetting the scientific studies that underlie its work, turning to a Colorado-based non-profit with expertise in environmental conflict resolution. But critics of the proposed Pebble mine are having little of it...Click here to read more

Tom Douglas Sounds off Against Bristol Bay Pebble Mine
Leslie Kelly
Seattle Magazine
Do you eat wild salmon? Then, chances are you've enjoyed fish from Alaska's beautiful Bristol Bay, where massive fisheries produce roughly half of the salmon that shows up on plates around the U.S. That's one thing I learned when I showed up to a press conference yesterday at Seatown, called to discuss the threat to that habitat by the proposed Pebble Mine project...Click here to read more

Conservation groups to Keystone: End Pebble mine work
AP
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and Sacramento Bee
Conservation groups want a Colorado-based nonprofit to end its involvement with the group behind a massive mine proposal in southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

Protest Over Proposed Pebble Mine's Keystone Hearing
Bill McAllister
KTVA
Bristol Bay residents and fishermen are protesting a science panel conducting public hearings on the proposed Pebble Mine...Click here to read more

Sustainable seafood by Chef Barton Seaver
New Day NW
KING 5
Chef Barton Seaver, an award-winning chef who won Esquire's Best Restaurant of the Year award, is a champion for sustainable seafood, and his critically acclaimed cookbook For Cod and Country celebrates his enthusiasm and exquisite taste...Click here to watch

East Coast author defending salmon, speaking out against Alaska's Pebble Mine
Bellamy Pailthorp
KPLU
The future of food is a subject writer Paul Greenberg has explored extensively in his NYTimes bestselling book, called Four Fish. It's also something that interests him deeply as a lifelong fisherman...Click here to listen and read more

Mineworker shot dead in Nkaneng
SAPA
International Business Report
A mine worker at the Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) mine in Rustenburg has been found dead on a hill at the Nkaneng informal settlement in Photsaneng, North West...Click here to read more

Anglo American Platinum Fires 12,000 Striking Miners in South Africa
Lydia Polgreen
The New York Times
The world's top platinum producer fired 12,000 workers who refused to return to work on Friday, apparently an attempt by the company to stem the tide of wildcat strikes that have shaken South Africa's mining industry and unsettled Africa's biggest economy...Click here to read more

Pebble mine risks jobs, livelihood
Bobby Phillips Anchorage AK
Anchorage Daily News
As a commercial fisherman from Bristol Bay, I fall in with the majority out here who consider the Pebble mine to be a direct threat to our jobs and livelihoods. When I'm not fishing, I work on North Slope oil pipelines, so I'm obviously no enemy to development -- what I believe is that we need to support the industries that make sense, and protecting the Bristol Bay fishing industry makes sense for Alaska...Click here to read more

Researcher withdraws from Pebble study review
Becky Bohrer, AP
The Seattle Times, The Bellingham Herald, CBS News and Bloomberg Businessweek
A researcher has withdrawn from participation in the upcoming review of studies released by the group behind a massive mine project in southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

Pebble Consulting Firm loses Services of 2 Scientists on Eve of Major Forum
Dan Fiorucci
KTUU
On Monday - the eve of a major scientific forum on the proposed Pebble Mine, it was revealed that "The Keystone Conference" -- a consultant hired by Pebble -- has lost the services of 2 scientists who were scheduled to be part of that panel...Click here to read more

Researcher Withdraws from Pebble Mine Study Review
KTUU, AP
MSNBC
A researcher has withdrawn from participation in the upcoming review of studies released by the group behind a massive mine project in southwest Alaska. University of Washington professor David Montgomery says the review process is flawed...Click here to read more

University of Washington Professor backs out from review of Alaska mine project study
AP

The Oregonian
One researcher has withdrawn and another has been excused from participation in the upcoming review of studies released by the group behind a massive mine project in southwest Alaska...Click here to read more

Science Panels on Pebble Mine – Live Webstream
360 North Click here to watch

GOP presses EPA on Alaska Mine review
Zach Colman
The Hill
Oversight Republicans in the House are pressing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about a mine review in Alaska that they argue could spook energy investors nationwide...Click here to read more

Fish Biologist Alleges Huge Discrepancy in Pebble Salmon Estimates
Dan Fiorucci
KTUU
Tonight (Sunday), on the eve of a major public forum concerning the Pebble Mine, Pebble opponents are saying they're deeply concerned over apparent discrepancies in Pebble's $120 million dollar environmental study on its own proposed project...Click here to watch and read more

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