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Pebble's Keystone science review generated more controversy this week when a respected panelist said that Pebble's baseline data did not adequately address "the importance and role of the sport fishing economy in the regional economy," and in fact diminished it. In response, Pebble CEO John Shively further minimized the sport fishing and hunting jobs and industry as based on "a huge amount of corporate money that is spent that are largely tax write offs that supports that recreational lodge industry out there..."

Sportsmen, like lodge owner and businessman Brian Kraft, shot back in a piece by *Fly Rod and Reel*. Kraft noted that roughly 40 percent of his customers are Alaskan or involved directly in Alaska business, and that his business spends over $750,000 with locally-owned air transport companies alone. "Our commitment and involvement through our sport fishing lodge on the Kvichak River generates over $250,000 per year through the Igiugig Village Council, which is a small community of 63 year-round residents," said Kraft, owner of the Alaska Sportsman's Lodge.

In Pennsylvania, a minister authored an op-ed in *The Patriot-News* called "Fools gold? Alaska wildlife area under threat." Rev. Marja L. Coons-Torn writes: "This time, let's learn our lesson and prevent the damage before it can start. The Clean Water Act can be used to stop Pebble Mine from being built, if we have the political will to do so. We owe it to the thousands of Alaskans who depend on Bristol Bay's clean waters. We owe it to the salmon, part of God's irreplaceable gift of creation. And we owe it to future generations, to spare them another ecological disaster that seems likely to unfold."

Pebble mine backers sent out a press release to mark their millionth foot of core samples since drilling began in 1988. That millionth foot was part of a core sample that dug down to 1,715 feet. They said some 1,075 core holes have been drilled at Pebble equivalent to 189 miles.

Lastly, Pebble Partner Anglo American continues to face strikes, protests and violence in South African mines in a lengthening dispute over wages. And an Alaska agency sent out a casting call for Pebble ads asking for actors to play scientists, field researchers and lab workers "and look credible doing it."

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ISER Researcher Criticizes Pebble Data
Ted Williams
Fly Rod & Reel
Week 2 of the Keystone Center's process on Pebble Mine wrapped up this afternoon in Anchorage, capped by an incisive appraisal from a researcher at the well-respected UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research. Steve Colt, a Professor of Economics with ISER, had this to say...Click here to read more

Fool's gold? Alaskan wildlife area under threat
Marja L. Coons-Torn
Patriot News
My husband and I are fans of wild salmon as a dish at dinner, but I confess I never took the time to know much about where it came from or who was involved. I've learned quite a bit recently about salmon, the people who bring it to our tables and looming threats to them...Click here to read more

GOP Lawmaker questions why EPA canceled Alaska mine briefing
Zack Colman
The Hill
A GOP lawmaker wants to know why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) canceled a briefing on activities that the mining industry worries will deter investment...Click here to read more

So you wanna be a star
Alaska Ear
Anchorage Daily News
Bradley Reid, one of Alaska's ad agencies, issued a call last month for 36 people to appear in a series of TV commercials pushing the Pebble mine. Here's what they said...Click here to read more

Jerry Brown should join fight to protect salmon
Eric Marxmiller San Francisco, CA
Sacramento Bee
Re "Collaborative solutions will benefit 'PacificSalmon States'" (Viewpoints, Sept. 27): For over 20 years, my Bay Area family has joined more than 1,000 fishermen who travel to Alaska each year to fish the Bristol Bay Sockeye run. Right now, the EPA is trying to protect the 14,000 jobs and Bristol Bay natives' way of life...Click here to read more

Opinion: Keystone Pebble dialogue lacking, EPA's on target
George Wilson
The Bristol Bay Times and Dutch Harbor Fisherman
I remember the first time the folks from the Keystone Center came to visit us in Bristol Bay. A few years ago, a Colorado think tank had come on a listening tour, to hear what the people all around the Bay had to say about the

proposed Pebble Mine...Click here to read more

Pebble data reviewed by scientist panel
Carey Restino
The Bristol Bay Times
As more than 100 protesters gathered outside, the first of two weeks of meetings to provide a scientific peer review of baseline data gathered by the Pebble Partnership got underway this week in Anchorage. The Keystone Center, a Colorado-based nonprofit hired by Pebble to facilitate a dialogue regarding the proposed mine, has assembled panels of scientists to examine everything from geology to socioeconomic data...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay fisheries expert denied role on Pebble's Keystone panel
Margaret Bauman
The Cordova Times
In late September, a Colorado firm named scientists to serve on Anchorage panels to review studies, prepared by the Pebble Limited Partnership, to show that large-scale mines can co-exist with fisheries in the Bristol Bay watershed...Click here to read more

South Africa: Mine Strikes Escalate
Roman Baudzus
Resource Investor
Strikes at South African mines have coincided with the sudden resignation of Aquarius Platinum's CEO. Stuart Murray has not offered any comments on his motives. But it seems clear that the situation in the country's mining sector is escalating, with production at Anglo American Platinum suspended last Friday...Click here to read more

Pebble Project Drill Program Achieves Million Foot Milestone
Northern Dynasty Release
Canada Newswire
Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. reports that on September 20, 2012, the Pebble Limited Partnership surpassed one million feet of core drilled at the Pebble Project, one of the most important concentrations of copper, gold, molybdenum and silver in the world...Click here to read more

Independent Review of Pebble mine Research Raises Questions
Rhonda McBride
KTUU
Can mining and salmon co-exist? That debate is being heard in Anchorage this week over the proposed Pebble Mine project...Click here to watch and read more

Anglo Platinum CEO, 3 More Bow Out Amidst South African Miner Strikes
Tara Berezowsky
Metal Miner
The heads of four top platinum producing companies have picked the absolute worst time to skip town. The WSJ blog The Source reported that the CEOs of Anglo American Platinum, Lonmin, Aquarius Platinum and Impala Holdings – an exclusive club of the top platinum producers on the planet – have stepped down...Click here to read more

S. Africa: Union accuses platinum producer of racism
Rodney Muhumuza, AP
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