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The *Anchorage Daily News* responded to lower 48 House Republicans who are attacking the EPA over its Bristol Bay watershed assessment this week, saying that they are "skipping the real issue." An editorial in the paper points out: "The EPA isn't the issue here. Whether a world-class gold and copper mine should be in the Bristol Bay watershed is the issue. The EPA -- at the request of many Alaskans -- is trying to answer that question."

The paper was responding to a barrage against EPA by House Republicans Darrell Issa of California and Paul Broun of Georgia that was covered in the *ADN* and *The Hill*. Broun said the EPA should not use its report to block the development of Pebble Mine, while Issa questions the EPA's authority to preemptively block required federal mine permits.

Commercial fishermen and many others vehemently refute those contentions. Bob Waldrop, executive director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, responded to the criticism of EPA in the Congress blog of *The Hill*. Waldrop wrote in part: "Representatives Issa and Broun suggest that the EPA examination of our watershed is a case of federal overreach. In truth, EPA analyzed our watershed at the request of Alaska Native tribes, commercial fishermen and other Bristol Bay corporations. Even more to the point, most of Bristol Bay's salmon bearing waters are navigable waters of the United States. Congress gave EPA authority over the quality of these waters in 1972. **The fact is, EPA would be derelict in their duties if they did not engage in the matter.**"

In the meantime, the Pebble Limited Partnership announced that it will likely submit a permit application within a few months. And, shareholders are pressuring Cynthia Carroll, CEO of Anglo American, the main backer of Pebble, to resign.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Our View: Pebble and Politics
Editorial
Anchorage Daily News
Georgia Rep. Paul Broun led the congressional Republican warning to the Environmental Protection Agency last week, criticizing its draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment as insufficient science to block the Pebble mine prospect...Click here to read more

Congressional GOP members fear EPA will halt Pebble early
Sean Cockerham
Anchorage Daily News, Lexington Herald-Leader and Kansas City Star
Congressional Republicans are lining up against the possibility that the Environmental Protection Agency would block the proposed Pebble mine in the Bristol Bay area, a region that produces about half the world's wild sockeye salmon...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine...risk versus reward
Editorial
Peninsula Clarion
When it comes to the Pebble Mine project, most Alaskans are firmly rooted in one camp and their reasoning is based on politics, tradition and emotion. We have heard the arguments again, and again, and again. One of the world's biggest mines would be good for economics. But, the mine could be worse for the world's best salmon fishery...Click here to read more

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Tim Bradner
Alaska Journal of Commerce
Scientists reviewing a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency assessment of a potential large copper and gold mine in an environmentally sensitive area near Iliamna Lake said Aug. 8 that the agency's draft watershed assessment needs work, and should not be based on hypothetical mine scenarios...Click here to read more

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Zack Colman
The Hill
Industry groups and Republican lawmakers fear the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is poised to set a new precedent in Alaska that could make it harder for companies to obtain mining permits near sensitive habitats. The EPA has signaled it might reject a proposed copper and gold mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska, over concerns that the project could disturb the world's largest sockeye salmon run...Click here to read more

Pebble Mine Would Jeopardize our Livelihood
Bob Waldrop
The Hill
We read with interest your story titled, "Industry, GOP fear power-grab by EPA in Alaska mine decision," (Aug. 15). The association I represent consists of 1,800 commercial fishing businesses based in Bristol Bay, Alaska – ground zero for impacts from that mine. We have a few comments to share that your

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Pebble plans move to mine permitting within months
AP
Anchorage Daily News, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Sacramento Bee, The Republic, Homer News and Daily Journal of Commerce
The group seeking to develop a large gold-and-copper prospect in the Bristol Bay region is on track to release a mine plan later this year or early next year. Mike Heatwole, a spokesman for Pebble Limited Partnership, also says that's the timeline for advancing to the permitting phase...Click here to read more

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Pebble Watershed Risks Now In Hands of EPA Science Panel
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Michael Carey
Alaska Public Radio
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