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Hi Alan,
Two corrections: 1. Its 404c, not 505c. 2. We are being careful to say that at this point we are not starting a 404c process. We are gathering the information necessary to determine if a 404c process is warranted. We don't want to give people the impression that we have started the 404c process. I know this may seem like a fine line, but it is significant for us and for the public perception of what we are doing.

While I'm at it - We have set a relatively short time line to get this done so that we can be responsive to the tribes that requested we initiate a 404c action in advance of a permit for the Pebble Mine. In order to do an advance action we must have the watershed assessment completed before PLP submits their applications. We may not make that time line, but we will try. We think we can do it and provide the high quality science needed in the time frame we have set. If we find we need more time for the science then we will extend the time lines.

Have a good trip.

Phil

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Folks,

As most of you know, the Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking a Clean Water Act Section 505c evaluation of the Bristol Bay region which will have major implications for the future of the region and Alaska. The EPA study, of course, focuses on water, streams and stream resources, particularly salmon and broadly consists of three parts: a biological component, an economic component and a cultural component (TEK). Unlike the other parts, the cultural component will involve going to selected villages, listening to culture bearers, and translating their words into a form that EPA can use to either apply or not apply 505c status to the region. In addition the information must stand the test of potential litigation. It's a daunting task that apparently for political reasons must be completed in about six months. Attached are several documents we wish you would review. With the exception of the Kenatize Indian Tribe letter, all are in draft status. The synopsis is a portion of the broader synopsis. In addition there will be a more traditional subsistence component summarizing fish harvesting and consumption data that has previously been collected by other projects.

Essentially, this portion of the EPA study frames the cultural situation thusly: "What would be the impact on the villages of the Bristol Bay region if healthy wild salmon and other stream resources were significantly diminished or otherwise not available."

We will carefully consider all of your comments and suggestions and thank you in advance for your time. This same packet will be sent to the village councils in the region via the EPA tribal liaison.

Alan Boraas

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