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Subject: FW: Pebble Mine

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Subject: RE: Pebble Mine

Rob – following up on the voicemail I left for you with an update on some of our challenges with the Alaska District.

First, I'm intending to send a letter later this week accepting the Corps' invitation to be a cooperating agency during EIS development for the Pebble project, despite the narrow role the Corps has defined for EPA and the other federal cooperators.

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Non-Responsive – Material Unrelated to Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine

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Kelly - thanks for reaching out. Our RA is scheduled to speak with Col. Brooks from the Alaska District this afternoon. I will circle back with him on Monday. Let's connect next week on how OFA can help.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 23, 2018, at 11:16 AM, McGrath, Patricia <mcgrath.patricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kelly-

The pertinent correspondence is attached.

1/9 letter from Corps to EPA inviting participation as a cooperating agency

1/11 letter from EPA to Corps with comments on the draft cooperating agency coordination plan

1/29 letter from EPA to Corps expressing concerns with limited cooperating agency role and requesting a meeting

2/20 letter from the Corps responding to EPA's 1/29 letter

As we discussed, the Region is currently drafting a letter accepting cooperating agency involvement and requesting that the Corps remain open to revisiting the scope of our involvement as the EIS progresses.

I am ccing David on this email since he can fill you in on the conversations that have been occurring with EPA HQ. It seems timely to discuss how OFA could assist with these conversations.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Patty

From: Peterson, Erik
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Kelly,

All great questions, thank you.

As an FYI, Region 10 has split Bristol Bay work into two teams. One team is focused on the 404(c) action and the other is focused on the EIS and permitting process. I am the project manager on the 404(c) side and Patty McGrath is the project manager on the EIS/permitting side. Molly Vaughan is the NEPA/309 lead on the EIS/permitting team. Therefore, Patty and/or Molly should respond to your questions. In the meantime I'll send you the cooperating agency invite letter if I can find a copy.

<image002.jpg> **Erik Peterson**, NEPA Reviewer

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Subject: Pebble Mine

Good Morning Erik –

I received a copy of USACE's response to R10's request to expand the scope of cooperating agency involvement for the Pebble Mine EIS. Is there a plan to elevate the issue with the Division? What are the planned next steps? We are trying to determine when and how to engage with our counterparts here at HQ, but don't want to get out ahead of you. Please advise.

Also, would it be possible to for you to send me the original cooperating agency invite letter along with R10's response?

Thank you and feel free to call if you'd like to discuss.

R,

Kelly

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