EIS Schedule

Preparation of the Pebble Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) level of analysis began in December 2017, when the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) received a permit application from the Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP). The EIS process will take several months to complete a Draft EIS for public review, with a Final EIS expected within 24 months. The estimated schedule for the EIS is below.

Steps in the EIS Process

Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS
March 2018

USACE released a Notice of Intent to the United States Federal Register in March 2018. This initiated the process to prepare an EIS and began the scoping process.

Scoping: Meetings and Comments
April 2018

The 30 day scoping process kicks off on April 1, 2018. Public meetings will be held at specific locations within the Bristol Bay region, and in Homer and Anchorage in April. Scoping offers a chance for the public to comment on the proposed project and alternatives.

Draft EIS
Estimated Dec. 2019

Determining the alternatives to analyze, and then preparing the Draft EIS will happen immediately following the scoping period. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be released for public review and comment in 2019.

Public Review of Draft EIS: Meetings and Comments
Estimated late 2019

After the Draft EIS is released, the public will have a minimum of 45 days to submit comments. During that time, USACE will plan public meetings in the same locations that occurred during scoping, estimated for 2019.

Final EIS
Estimated early 2020

USACE will assess all public comments submitted on the Draft EIS, and incorporate changes into the Final EIS before release in 2019/2020.

Record of Decision
Estimated mid-2020

The Record of Decision will lay out USACE's decision on the application submitted by the PLP. Three decisions are possible: issue a permit, issue a permit with conditions, or denial of the application. This is estimated to be released in 2020.