South Naknek Tribal Council

South Naknek, Alaska, 99670

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Dennis J. McLerran, Regional Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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Re: Clean Water Act 404(c) process to prohibit certain lands from use as a disposal site for dredged or fill material

Dear Mr. McLerran;

The South Naknek Tribal Council is a federally recognized tribe in the watershed of the Bristol Bay region and downstream from the proposed Pebble project.

We support due process and believe that the Pebble Limited Partnership has a right to seek permits without political intervention. It is too soon to draw conclusions about the mine. We will participate in the public hearing process once the state and federal agencies begins to hold them to determine if the mine can coexist with existing uses of the lands in Bristol Bay.

Again, we urge you to withhold any action on the Pebble Project until they have completed their feasibility study and the public hearing process on the project begins.

Sincerely,

South Naknek Village Council

Signature on file at the South Naknek Tribal Council office