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Over the past weeks, well-known publications in National Geographic, Audubon Magazine, the Times of London, and the Huffington Post have profiled the fight over the future of Bristol Bay.In examining Bristol Bay, National Geographic concludes: "Convinced that they can't trust the state government to look out for their interests, those opposed to the mine believe that protecting the planet's largest and most robust wild salmon fishery—and, by extension, all that makes the Bristol Bay watershed distinctive—now depends in large part on convincing the rest of the country that a treasure of singular national importance is imperiled.... 'Alaska,' [former Alaska State Senator Rick] Halford said, 'still has what most of America has lost.'"Audubon Magazine takes a look at Pebble's unwillingness to provide pertinent and usable data on its project. "For example, spokespeople for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game report that Pebble documents are 'virtually impossible to review' and that meetings with Pebble are 'a waste of our time.' Bob Waldrop, executive director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, says: 'We've been waiting to get information from Pebble for years. Finally they coughed up 20,000 pages of material—most unintelligible, the rest a regurgitation of what's in the literature.' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries biologists have complained to the EPA that they repeatedly get 'ignored' when they ask Pebble for information."Famed writer Paul Greenberg takes note of the unique coalition opposing Pebble, including Rick Halford, in his Times of London piece. "For years, Halford has been, like many Republicans in the state, intensely pro-mining, claiming that during his time in the state senate he 'never met a mining project I didn't like'. But he is also a guide and an outdoorsman and feels a line has been crossed with Pebble. 'This is the wrong mine, in the wrong place,' he says, shaking his head as he banks his plane eastward."In the Huffington Post, Boom, Bust, Boom: A Story About Copper, the Metal That Runs the World author Bill Carter explains that while copper is important, it also must be mined responsibly. "We need to be able say 'no' to projects like Pebble Mine, where a global food resource far outweighs the potential of a copper mine."In addition, support for Bristol Bay was shown from Montana to Pennsylvania. In Montana, Camille Egdorf urges recently-reelected Senator Jon Tester to support protecting Bristol Bay, a place where she fished with her father as a young child and where she makes a living through commercial fishing and as a fishing guide. In Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Orthodox Church protodeacon Sergei Kapral says: "The proposed Pebble Mine is a really bad idea. Irreplaceable treasures are at stake: a unique culture and a world-class, sustainable fishery. The mine makes no sense economically, and it would damage God's sacred gift of creation."And in Alaska, subsistence fisherman Bobby Andrew has some advice for Anglo American in the wake of the resignation of CEO Cynthia Carroll. "Anglo American should use this leadership change as an opportunity to reassess their options and drop the Pebble Mine."In addition, several publications have reported on the recent release of the peer review report of the EPA's watershed assessment for Bristol Bay.For more information, visit http://www.savebristolbay.org Alaska's Clash Over Salmon and GoldEdwin DobbNational GeographicLocated some 250 miles (400 kilometers) southwest of Anchorage, the 40,000-square-mile (104,000-square-kilometer) region is home to the largest population of wild salmon in the world. 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won a mandate for statesmanship. As someone who makes her living by both guiding and commercial fishing, I appreciate that Tester continually stands up for sportsman and renewable resource economies... Click here to read moreMining's toxic stew threatens pristine Alaska fishery Protodeacon Sergei KapralWilkes-Barre Times LeaderTHE WILKES-BARRE area has been my home for many years. A Midwesterner by birth, I also have lived in Europe and then northern Minnesota. My wife and I came here for a number of reasons, including the pride that people take in their ethnic heritage... Click here to read moreMining CEO on the way out should take Pebble idea with herBobby AndrewAlaska DispatchIn London in 2008, I sat down with Cynthia Carroll, the CEO of the UK-based mining corporation behind the proposed Pebble Mine. She promised me then, and every year since, that Anglo American wouldn't develop the Pebble Mine if it didn't have community support... Click here to read moreLobbying, oversight in overdrive as EPA completes reviewManuel QuinonesE&E News"I think they're playing politics with science right now," Brown said in an interview, adding that EPA is going "above and beyond" to make its study stand up to scrutiny, including possible litigation... "The outcome of the election, generally speaking, is good for our issue," Brown said. "We're not going to have to start from scratch with a new administration."...Click here to read moreScientists call for more data on Pebble proposalCarey RestinoBristol Bay Times The Peer Review Report of the EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment was released two weeks ago, offering an unusual chance to read what objective scientists think about the potential biological impacts of a large mine in the region. The peer review was set up to critically examine the results of a process started in 2011 at the request of various stakeholders in the Bristol Bay region... Click here to read more

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