PROTECTING BRISTOL BAY

Tiffany & Co.'s 177 years of experience in sourcing exquisite gemstones and precious metals has taught us there are certain places where mining cannot take place without damaging landscapes, wildlife, businesses, and communities. Alaska's Bristol Bay is one such place.

The Environmental Protection Agency has completed its final watershed assessment of the likely impact of the proposed Pebble Mine on Bristol Bay, the world's most productive salmon fishery. The science is clear and leaves no doubt. The EPA's comprehensive scientific review has confirmed that developing an enormous gold and copper mine in the very heart of this healthy, productive ecosystem cannot be done without destroying the streams and wetlands essential for a healthy salmon fishery, and endangering the livelihoods of the thousands of people who depend upon it.

We applaud the Environmental Protection Agency's responsible and prudent use of its clear authority under the Clean Water Act to protect—for the benefit of all Americans for generations to come—this extraordinary natural resource and the thousands of commercial and sport fishing jobs it supports. We know there will be other gold and copper mines to develop. But we will never find a more majestic and productive place than Bristol Bay.

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