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Former Alaska First Lady Bella Hammond delivered an impassioned thank you to the EPA in an Anchorage Daily News op-ed for "listening to the overwhelming majority of Bristol Bay residents who requested protection of our watershed" in the face of a state government that "has ignored, minimized or swept under the rug years of water violations, fuel spills, wetlands abuse and drilling violations."
Ms. Hammond writes further: "I am not amused by political double talk. How can Pebble tell us they have no plan when they have used a detailed plan since 2006 to hold priority for rights to all of the water in the mine area? They have paid for and filed with stock market regulators multiple detailed plans and they have told their shareholders they have 10.8 billion tons of mineable ore. Are they telling the truth to their shareholders, the regulators, or to us?"
Radio host and commentator Shannyn Moore authors an opinion piece in the Anchorage Daily News about how Pebble could end up being another Red Devil mine, where toxic tailings are compromising fish and waters. Moore writes: "Our governor, in his spastic, whiplash messaging toward the federal government, is getting a bit embarrassing. On the one hand, he wants the Feds to get out of state business when it comes to projects he supports -- like the extremely controversial Pebble mine. On the other hand, he snaps his fingers and demands the federal government come clean up toxic tailings of mines long abandoned."
Further afield, outdoor writer Glen David recounts a recent trip to Bristol Bay in the Clarion Ledger of Mississippi catching large rainbow trout and learning more about the Pebble proposal. He writes: "It is an incredible fishery but the biggest environmental apocalypse ever is being planned for the area which is the Pebble Mine, a gold/copper mine that will destroy 20 square miles of pristine wilderness and create a witches brew of tailings in a gigantic lake."
For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org
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EPA comes to help; Pebble advocates attack
Bella Hammond
Anchorage Daily News
With all the news and commotion about the Environmental Protection Agency study of the Bristol Bay Watershed and potential massive-scale mining in the area, some important points need to be considered. I am personally very thankful for the efforts of the EPA in listening to the overwhelming majority of Bristol Bay residents...Click here to read more
Pebble mine could be another Red Devil
Shannyn Moore
Anchorage Daily News
Ever had a boss so hard to read you didn't know if you were going to be fired or promoted? Mixed messages on a daily basis? It's horrible. How are you supposed know what to do?
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Pebble mine will cause problems for area residents
Patricia Cue, Eagle River AK
Anchorage Daily News
The article by Shannyn Moore comparing Pebble mine with Red Devil Mine (Sept. 9) is one example of how industry and government fail to protect public health and the environment. What is the impact to populations when traditional means of subsistence are eliminated? Click here to read more

Anglo American shuts mines as protests spread in South Africa
Aislinn Laing
Telegraph
The company, also known as Amplats, said it took the action after staff arriving to start the night shift on Tuesday were intimidated and threatened by "unknown individuals"...Click here to read more
Public meetings set for Pebble mine input
Anchorage Daily News
Public meetings presenting independent reviews of environmental and socioeconomic studies by the Pebble Partnership are scheduled to take place in Anchorage Oct. 2-4 and Oct. 9-11...Click here to read more
PBS Program shines a spotlight on Pebble debate
Alaska Dispatch
Alaskans interested in the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay can check out the"FRONTLINE" documentary on the issue called "Alaska Gold" at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Alaska Public Television, or KAKM (Channel 7) in Anchorage...Click here to read more
Post Alaskan Adventure – No Pebble Mine!
Glen Davis
Jackson Clarion Ledger
I just got back from fly fishing in Alaska around Bristol Bay catching numerous 24-28 inch fat rainbow trout that were feeding on salmon eggs. It's a beautiful place and the salmon bring nutrients into the area for the bears, eagles etc. Those nutrients get spread all over the area for the rainbows, other fish and other wildlife. It is an incredible fishery but thebiggest environmental apocolypse ever...Click here to read more

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