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To: Lisa Jackson, Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

Ariel Rios Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson,

We got a note from Lake & Peninsula Borough, which Iliamna is part of that borough, that your organization will be in Dillingham July 28th. We were a little baffled as to why your organization would hold a meeting in a community that is 120 miles from the proposed Pebble Project without considering a meeting with the communities closest to the project. Iliamna is 15 miles from the proposed project and we think it is important for our voices to be heard for several reasons.

The Lake Iliamna communities are closer to the proposed project and we seem to always get overlooked. It is apparent that your visit to the region will skip Iliamna. We've had long standing differences with the group you're meeting with in Dillingham and it stems pre-Pebble. We were left out of programs like the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries program and all of our federal programs funds were used to build Dillingham as a hub. They used all of us in the Lake Iliamna community as head counts and we were left with very little resources to build our capacity to be self sustaining.

It is very important for your organization to hear all sides including entities like ours, the Lake & Peninsula Borough and the Bristol Bay Borough. Our communities have a history of struggling to keep our communities alive. We have community members who at one point solely depended on commercial fishing until they could not support their families any longer. Then we hear groups telling everyone that the fishery can sustain our communities and that is simply not a true statement. This was a good year for fishing but it has been over 10 years since we had a good fishing year. We have had more bad years than good years commercial fishing. Until this year we were getting .45 cent per pound and we had to make other plans to keep our communities alive. We have diversified by working with Pebble and this

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