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Subject: RE: Daily Signal Briefing

Well, at least we will have stuff ready!

From: Bowman, Liz
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NOTHING CAN BE SAID ABOUT PEBBLE BAY NOW UNTIL TOMORROW

With regard to the interviews, if he is asked, all he should say is that we are working very closely and hard to come to a settlement in the near future.

If he is pushed for more information ALL he can say is: Generally, there were a lot of critics who said that the prior administration 'jumped the gun' and departed from the proper way to evaluate the Pebble Mine project. We take those concerns seriously because of the due process, and are working closely to come to a settlement.

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Here are talkers. Liz, you should take a look for messaging.

Facts:

•□□□□□□□□ EPA Region 10 completed a multi-year watershed assessment in Bristol Bay in 2014 and soon after initiated a Clean Water Act 404 proposed determination which described restrictions on large scale mining in the watershed.

•□□□□□□□□ According to the terms of the settlement, EPA also agrees that it will not issue a recommended determination until 48 months from settlement or until the Corps issues its final environmental impact statement, whichever comes earlier.

•□□□□□□□□ In exchange, Pebble will drop its lawsuits and request for fees against EPA, and agree to file no new FOIA requests on this subject during the pendency of the "forbearance" period under the agreement.

•□□□□□□□□ Pebble and EPA will ask the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska to dismiss the cases with prejudice and to lift the court-ordered preliminary injunction.

•□□□□□□□□ While the agreement does not guarantee or prejudge any particular outcome to this process, it does ensure that the process will be carried out in a fair, transparent, deliberate, and regular way.

Talking points:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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What time is this interview? We are going to need to update it with Pebble Mine.

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Attached is the briefing for the Facebook Live interview this evening.

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