PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT (BRISTOL BAY WATERSHED CWA 404(c) PROCESS)

- Senator Murkowski (R-AK) has written the EPA in concern over their watershed assessment, and opposes what she sees as the EPA's overreach in this case.

- In May 2017, the EPA entered into a settlement agreement with Pebble Limited Partnership under which the EPA agreed to begin the procedure specified in its regulation to consider whether to withdraw the proposed determination.

- In exchange, Pebble will withdraw its claims under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as well as its request for attorney's fees.

- Pebble also agreed to file no new FOIA requests while the settlement is in effect. The settlement will be dissolved if Pebble does not file its application with the Army Corps within 30 months of the settlement.

- The settlement ensures that Pebble will be able to submit its application and have the application considered within the regular course of business. The settlement does not guarantee any particular outcome or determination with respect to Pebble's application.