



# A Convergence of Opinion About Pebble Mine

*“Local employment will be minimal, and at the end of the day the proceeds will largely flow to foreign investors. Bristol Bay will have little else to show for itself other than one of the largest open pit mine holes in North America and its associated environmental problems.”*

*Norman Van Vactor  
Bristol Bay Manager, Peter Pan Seafoods*

*“The threat is real.”*

*“The mine’s owners assured shareholders in their most recent annual report that, as a Canadian corporation, they can escape legal liability for whatever environmental damage might result from activities in Alaska.”*

*David Keene  
Chairman, American Conservative Union*

*“We should not permit these mines to operate but if we do, our children will be left cleaning up the messes and they will outlaw them. This is what has happened in other western states.”*

*Thomas Tilden  
Chief, Curyung Tribal Council*

*“The proposed Pebble Mine and other potential mining activity on state and federal lands in Bristol Bay poses a grave threat to pure water, Wild Alaska Salmon and the tens of thousands of jobs they sustain.”*

*David Harsila  
President, Alaska Independent Fishermen’s Marketing Association*

*“With respect to the Pebble copper deposit, there seems to be real and obvious environmental risks.”*

*“The Pebble Mine is a rapidly growing issue at both the state and national level. We do not need this red flag waving in the face of prospects for a gas line and the opening of ANWR.”*

*Michael T. Kenny  
Principal Executive Officer, General Teamsters Local 959*

*“How could you have an open-pit tailings pond with zero effect on your subsistence way of life? The real question is what’s the nature, the timing and the magnitude of the effect?”*

**Bruce Jenkins  
President, Northern Dynasty**

**What comfort does this offer the residents of the Bristol Bay region?**

*“Based on my geological engineering education, prior technical and practical experience in the mining industry, I have serious questions and concerns related to the proposed development of the Pebble mineral deposit.”*

*David E. Germer, Mat-Su Valley  
Graduate, Colorado School of Mining*

*“Gold mining will destroy salmon spawning in Alaska’s Bristol Bay.”*

*Fly Fisherman magazine, March 2006*

*“If Northern Dynasty processes its projected volume of 200,000 tons of ore per day for 20 years, that would create 1.5 billion tons of*

*tailings. Don’t be hoodwinked by soothing scientific jargon like Montanans were. There is absolutely no way that anyone can reliably prevent those heavy metals from washing in to the Iliamna and Mulchatna drainages, and downstream to Bristol Bay. That pollution will continue as the decades grow into another century.”*

*Dr. Raymond Fowler  
Anesthesiologist and outdoorsman*

*“This is one place you absolutely don’t want a mine; it makes no ecological sense at all.”*

*Chris Wood  
VP, Trout Unlimited*

**“If this was some essential commodity that we absolutely had to have to run our economy it would be a different matter, and even then I would want to have a lot better attention being paid to the environmental process. But this one, I just don’t like it.”**

**U.S. Senator Ted Stevens**

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