



Bristol Bay News/Events Roundup

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Upcoming Bristol Bay Rallies



**you are
invited...**

to a free fresh salmon bbq come listen to speakers who are familiar with the pebble mine proposal and ask the experts questions. show your support for protecting bristol bay's renewable resources.

in dillingham on at 4pm on June 10th
@ the paf yard

in naknek at 4pm on June 16th
@ the naknek high school



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Decision keeps new tailings out of Alaska's natural waters

Court sets precedent for other mines, possibly Pebble.

*by Layton Ehmke
Homer Tribune*

June 6, 2007

Last week the 9th District Court of Appeals said Kensington Mine, near Brenners' Bay, Juneau, could not pollute a natural alpine lake with mine tailings. While Kensington Mine is hundreds of miles away from Southcentral Alaska, the decision has impacts closer to home, some say, with the development of the Pebble Prospect near Lake Iliamna.

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<http://www.homertribune.com/article.php?aid=1727>

Coeur's court loss may be felt by other mines

Pebble backers don't see any immediate effect

*by Margaret Bauman
Alaska Journal of Commerce
June 3, 2007*

Mining interests are reacting calmly to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision prohibiting the Kensington gold mine from releasing tailings into a lake north of Juneau, while environmental interests are hailing the ruling as support of the Clean Water Act.

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http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/060307/nat_20070603030.shtml

Bristol Bay chinook hooking more fans

FISHERY OPEN: Palin visits Dillingham to mark start in bay where her family fishes

*by Wesley Loy
Anchorage Daily News
June 2, 2007*

The biggest of Alaska's commercial salmon fisheries, Bristol Bay, opened Friday morning.

Most people know the bay for its biblical hordes of sockeye, but the reds won't start storming in until late June.

The early focus for gillnetters instead will be on the bay's overlooked king, or chinook, salmon.

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<http://www.adn.com/money/industries/fishing/story/8940538p-8840479c.html>

Court finds mine permit is illegal

Decision may affect Pebble mine project

*by Mary Pemberton
Associated Press
Bristol Bay Times
May 31, 2007*

A permit allowing a goldmining company to discharge a slurry containing millions of tons of mine waste into a lake in southeast Alaska is illegal, a federal appeals court in Anchorage ruled on Tuesday, May 22.

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http://www.alaskanewspapers.com/content/pdf/BT_05-31-07.pdf

Fighting Corporate Copper in Bougainville

Multinational polluter Rio Tinto sued under Alien Tort Claims Act for causing deaths of 10,000 Papua New Guineans

*by Kari Lydersen
In These Times
May 31, 2007*

Bougainville, a small Pacific island belonging to Papua New Guinea in the volcanic "Ring of Fire," has had a rough go of it. It endured a series of colonialist regimes (including Germany, Japan and Australia), was blitzed by U.S. forces during World War II, and has been assaulted by tsunamis, most recently on April 1. It also suffered one of history's most brutal rapes of natural resources—the massive Panguna copper mine run by a subsidiary of the multinational mining giant Rio Tinto from 1972 until 1988.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/3193/fighting_corporate_copper_in_bougainville/

Donlin prospect has Bethel considering ban on cyanide

TOXIC: If mine becomes reality, shipments would go through city.

*by Elizabeth Bluemink
Anchorage Daily News
June 1, 2007*

Western Alaska town is considering barricading itself against a notorious chemical used in mining.

The Bethel City Council could vote June 12 to prohibit industrial amounts of cyanide from being shipped, docked or stored within the city limits.

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<http://www.adn.com/front/story/8937135p-8837087c.html>

Goldbelt feels the ripple of Kensington mine's court loss

*by Eric Morrison
Juneau Empire/Morris News Service - Alaska
Alaska Journal of Commerce
June 3, 2007*

JUNEAU - A \$5 million dock proposed by a local Native corporation became a casualty of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling against Kensington Gold Mine in late May.

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http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/060307/nat_20070603029.shtml

Letters to the Editor

LTE - Image of grizzled miners a myth; corporations have taken their place

Andrew Day - Valdez
Anchorage Daily News
June 3, 2007

<http://www.adn.com/opinion/letters/story/8944762p-8844722c.html>

The May 26 article "Court ruling may trouble Kensington and Pebble," referring to Alaska miners as being concerned for mining's future because of the new ruling for the Kensington mine tailings dump at first reading caused me to picture the grizzled prospector of the past, and to worry for his future. Then I realized that the grizzled prospector is long gone, and the miners referred to are huge corporations, many Canadian ones, and on the same level as the oil companies, except they don't employ as many workers, and I can't pit the world's need for gold as its need of oil. And we want to endanger Bristol Bay red salmon for ... gold?

LTE - Coeur Alaska can go back to the drawing board

By Sue Libenson - Haines
Juneau Empire
June 6, 2007

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It's great to live in a community where people are willing to stand up for the law. The Clean Water Act has been around since the 1970s. It has served our nation well in cleaning up and preserving our water. It was no surprise then, that in this country, you're still not allowed to just dump industrial waste into our water.

Coeur Alaska can go back to designing a mine that's legal. One solution would be to build a dry-tailings facility instead of just piping waste into a lake. Dry tailings will require more workers, especially truck drivers and heavy-equipment operators. If it's more expensive, well that's just more money spent in Juneau.

Hats off to everyone who stood up for the law.

Around Alaska and Beyond

Siren song lures HEA to leap without looking

by Bill Smith
Homer Tribune
June 6, 2007

Ulysses was lashed to the mast to save him from self-destruction in his frantic attempt to answer the song of the Sirens. Our Homer Electric Association leaders are answering the call of Sirens and buying into the myth of cheap clean power from the Healy Clean Coal plant. HCC actually produces 70 percent more CO2 than a standard coal plant without reducing mercury emissions.

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<http://www.homertribune.com/article.php?aid=1753>

State to study sport fishing

Bristol Bay Times
May 31, 2007

The Division of Sport Fish of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has contracted with Southwick Associates to produce updated information on the economic contribution of sport fishing to the Alaska economy.

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Journey on the Wild Coast, Part 1

4000 miles. 9 months. Seattle to the Aleutian Islands...

by Erin McKittrick
Backpacking Light

EXCERPT / ABSTRACT:

Six years ago, clad in duct tape and a few tattered fragments of raingear, my husband Hig and I paddled leaking Sevylor rafts through a maze of nets and fishing boats to land in the remote village of Chignik. We were desperately thin, despite having subsisted for the past week on jars of Betty Crocker frosting. We had been trekking along the Alaska Peninsula, through a remote wilderness of tundra and volcanoes, for two months and over eight hundred miles. Outside of the few towns we passed through, we'd seen zero people and eighty-five grizzly bears. But I was happier than I ever had been. And what was originally planned to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience would eventually become a way of life.

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