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June 28, 2007

Help educate the public about the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine!!

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Kenai Peninsula Clarion
<http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/lettertoeditorform.shtml>

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ALASKA SPORTSMEN OUTREACH DIRECTOR

The Renewable Resources Coalition (RRC) is seeking candidates for the position of Sportsmen Outreach Director in Anchorage, AK. An ideal candidate will have at least 3 years of experience in the Alaskan hunting and fishing industry and/or outreach to the outdoor recreation community and a demonstrated commitment to protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Desired skills include: ability to communicate an effective message to Alaskans with an interest in outdoor recreation, excellent writing, speaking and presentation skills, ability to develop and implement a strategic outreach plan, and a willingness to travel extensively across Alaska.

RRC is an Alaskan non-profit organization of sport and commercial fishermen, hunters, lodge owners, subsistence users and businesses concerned with protecting Alaska's hunting and fishing resources and the lands and waters they need to survive. RRC is currently raising awareness in Alaska about the potential impacts of the Pebble Mine. For more information regarding RRC, please see our website at www.RenewableResourcesCoalition.org.

Email or fax resume and references to info@renewableresourcescoalition.org, Renewable Resources Coalition, Inc., 500 L Street, Ste 502, Anchorage, AK, 99501; Ph. (907) 743-1900; Fax: (907) 272-9319 Salary D.O.E. + benefits.

Calling all you photogs!

Send us your best photo of the Bristol Bay area and we'll start including them in our newsletters!

Help others who have not seen the area first-hand take a look at the beauty of the very area we're trying to protect.

Make sure you give a description of the location and your name or nickname so we can give you proper credit!



Thunderstorm in the Pebble Valley
- courtesy of Erin McKittrick, [Ground Truth Trekking](#)

Send your pictures to hbrown@renewableresourcescoalition.org

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Protesters rally in Naknek

Despite local divide, hundreds in attendance

*by Dustin Solberg
The Bristol Bay Times
June 21, 2007*

James Wassillie parked his car close to a flatbedtruck-turned-stage at the Bristol Bay Borough School in Naknek on Saturday, June 16. His battered Subaru had painted on it a message he wanted to share with the hundreds of fishermen and others who'd gathered to protest the proposed Pebblemine.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
http://www.alaskanewspapers.com/content/pdf/BT_6-21-07.pdf

Kenai backs public review of Pebble mine project

*by Phil Hermanek
Peninsula Clarion
June 24, 2007*

A resolution supporting Northern Dynasty's Pebble Mine project drew opposition from a half dozen people attending Wednesday's Kenai City Council meeting, causing the council to tweak the wording a bit before passing the measure.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/stories/062407/news_0624new003.shtml

Bristol Bay application denied

*Anchorage Daily News
June 22, 2007*

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell on Thursday denied an application from Bristol Bay residents for a ballot initiative related to water quality and mining. The initiative would have set new pollution limits for new metallic mining operations of over 640 acres.

"The initiative would impermissibly allocate public lands and waters away from mining uses. The people, via Alaska's constitution and statutes, reserved these powers of appropriation to the Legislature," Parnell said.

His decision was supported by a June 21 state Department of Law opinion. The decision may be appealed within 30 days.

The Department of Law's memo is available online at www.ltgov.state.ak.us/PDFs/07WATRopinion.PDF.

The lieutenant governor's letter to the initiative's sponsors is available at www.ltgov.state.ak.us/PDFs/07WATRletter.PDF.

Letters to the Editor

LTE - Mining industry should pay fair-market value

By Vanessa Salinas, Campaign director, Alaskans for Responsible Mining - Anchorage
Juneau Empire
June 22, 2007
http://juneauempire.com/stories/062207/let_20070622024.shtml

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The Juneau Empire's front-page story, "State Mining Profits Surge," on Monday, showed that the mining industry is reaping profits from high mineral prices, with zinc being the most profitable commodity.

In 1955, when Alaska's mining royalty rates were set, a pound of zinc was selling for 12 cents. In 2005, it was 63 cents. In 2006, it was 85 cents a pound. Gold is currently selling for more than \$600 an ounce. Isn't it past time we take a look at the 52-year-old tax rates on Alaska mines to ensure that the mining industry pays its fair share?

As former Gov. Walter Hickel and the late Gov. Jay Hammond long argued, the tax structure on Alaska mines isn't, as our constitution requires, providing for the "maximum benefit" from the development of our resources.

Under Alaska's current mining laws, mining companies are required to pay rents and royalties. The royalty rate is 3 percent of their profit. This net-income royalty allows for the deduction of costs associated with mining. Most states realize a fair return from mining by requiring a net-smelter royalty, which is a royalty on the value of the mineral after it has been refined or smelted, but without deducting the cost of development, production and environmental liability. A net-smelter royalty provides greater revenue predictability. Alaska and Nevada are the only states that have a profits-based, net-income royalty.

The mining license tax is 3 to 5 percent. Raising the license tax to 5 to 7 percent would better compensate Alaskans for the valuable, nonrenewable resources extracted from

our lands. Since 1955, the mining industry has been extracting Alaska's mineral resources and making significant profits, especially in recent years with coal, minerals and metals at all-time highs, without paying a fair price to Alaskans for those resources. It's time for the mining industry to pay fair-market value for the minerals it extracts.

LTE - Thanks to rally helpers

Tricia Ward - Dillingham

Bristol Bay Times

June 21, 2007

http://www.alaskanewspapers.com/content/pdf/BT_6-21-07.pdf

As Dillingham coordinator of the Pebble Mine Opposition Rally on June 10, I have a ton of thanks to give out.

The crowd was well over 500! As we all enjoyed the first fish of the season and the entertainment, I was thrilled at how our community came out for our cause.

A special thanks to Norman Van Vactor of Peter Pan Seafoods and his chefs, to the PAF yard crew and to Cindy Roque for the unconditional support they lent to planning and pulling off this huge venture.

Our speakers, Vernon Wilson, Carol Ann Woody, State Rep. Bryce Edgmon, D Dillingham, Alice Ruby, Hjalmar Olson and Robin Samuelsen, were captivating. Our musicians, the New Stuyahok Band, Bubba Evans, Bryce Edgmon and Peter Pan's Tony were excellent!

I didn't catch the names of the fishermen who walked through and offered their assistance to our team during the setup and cleanup of the rally, but your helping hands and warm hearts did not go unnoticed.

Thank you RoxAnn Roque, Jayne Bennett and Beth Pirillo for working the children's art booth. Thanks to the Dillingham Chamber of Commerce, Tom Tilden and Curyung Tribal Council, Bill Carland, Duane Olson, and KDLG for their support.

Also thanks to Ulu Tilden, Jonathan Mears and Ricky Lind for the helping hands.

Thank you, Patty Luckhurst, for making the cake.

Thank you Kim Piazza, Teresa Duncan and their preschool class for making the fish decorations on the stage. Thanks to Pete Andrew for bringing the old-time sailboat.

And last, but, not least, thank you Dillingham. It was your presence and your support that made this an event to remember.

LTE - What about a Native perspective on Pebble?

Verner Wilson III - Dillingham

Anchorage Press

June 21, 2007

www.anchoragepress.com

I just read your article about the Pebble Mine in the Anchorage Press ("Pebble to the People," cover story, June 14). I am a Yup'ik Eskimo/Finn who was born and raised in Dillingham. I was disappointed that you did not include more about the history of the fishery and more about the Bristol Bay natives and their opinions. My grandma Nancy, who is 100 percent Yup'ik Eskimo, was born and raised in Bristol Bay. She has been fishing there ever since she was a little child. My grandpa came all the way from Skaftung, Finland to fish in Bristol Bay. My Yup'ik ancestors have been living in the area for thousands of years, and depend on the fishery for their survival! Even today, my family depends on the fishery for not only our financial survival, but to put food on the table! Salmon caught in our waters are about 20 percent of our diet. It's the food that nourishes my family and is our main sustenance. We put out our subsistence net every summer to fill our freezers for the winter, and my dad goes out every year in the waters to ensure that my family has financial security and so that my siblings and I can go to school.

I would not waste my dad's hard earned money for nothing. I have decided that because the fishery has fed my family and my people, and that it has given me the power to get educated, that I would dedicate myself to help protecting this fishery. There will be others thousands of years from now that could say the same thing, but not if Pebble Mine poisons our fish to the point that consumers will not want to buy the fish anymore, and those who depend on it for food will not be able to eat it anymore. Right now, partly because of a great scholarship and partly because of the fishery, I am able to attend Brown University to study Environmental Issues. And I have studied the mining industry and their records. History is there: We know what other mining companies, especially from Canada, have promised to other areas that have much smaller operations than what Pebble would be. But Bristol Bay is much too important for another promise to be broken, much too important for another mining test and much too important to choose temporary gains over food and a livelihood.

And it's not just important for sports fishermen, as the front-page picture and Steve Borell may have portrayed. You now know part of my story; it is similar to the story of thousands of other families across Bristol Bay. We have our culture, our lifestyle and our way of life to lose now because of this mine. And that is not the only issue that will have an impact on the fishery. Leases for offshore oil and gas drilling in Bristol Bay are to be sold as early as 2011. The Mineral Management Service already predicts a large oil spill if drilling occurs, which will contaminate much more than the fishery, but the 25 marine mammals and countless other species that depend on the area's habitat. President Bush also proposes to allow fish farms 200 miles off the Alaskan coast, which can have a huge impact on our native fish and marine species. The iron sands proposal near Egegik as well can have a big impact on the fishery. We are already witnessing the effects of climate change on our homeland.

You're right on one point: I am very disappointed because it is outsiders, that have never really been to Bristol Bay and who do not know our story (or frankly may not care), who will be making the decisions about Pebble Mine. It is foreigners who are coming in, trying to make a few bucks and giving us their pollution forever, in exchange, that will ruin this renewable resource and our drinking water (which is often the case from mines throughout the world). But as a Bristol Bay native who grew up in this place and is educated about mining impacts, I know one thing is clear: Fish and cyanide cannot co-exist. Which means our livelihood and this mine cannot co-exist. The largest renewable and sustainable salmon fishery in the world and possibly the largest mine in the world cannot co-exist.

So thank you very much for writing this article! Next time it would be great if we could

include more local native voices so we could tell our compelling story, so we can have an influential voice in informing Alaskans and people around the world.

Around Alaska and Beyond

Anglers head to Alaska to fly fish trophy trout

Nothing could spoil hooking mammoth-sized rainbows in wilderness

By Peter Ottesen

Recordnet.com

June 27, 2007

IGIUGIG, Alaska - The frigid waters of the Kvichak River pour from the mouth of Lake Illiama in a football field-wide swath that meanders 55 miles through the soggy tundra to Bristol Bay. It's a desolate, virtually treeless region accessible only by floatplane that boasts a river famous for its trophy rainbow trout and all five species of salmon.

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http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070627/A_SPORTS03/706270327

Stake sales lift Galahad

Growth Company

June 25, 2007

Galahad Gold plans a cash return to shareholders and a move into soft commodities after £141 million investment gains.

AIM-quoted Galahad, whose major investors include RAB Capital, veteran financier Jim Slater and Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, has reported a £4.3 million loss for 2006. But, since the end of the year, the resources investment concern, headed by Canadian ex-stockbroker Ian Watson, has made a £46.8 million pre-tax profit on selling its holding in Alaska-focused Northern Dynasty Minerals and an 'unrealised' £16.8 million profit on selling its International Molybdenum stake, as well as claiming a potential £77.8 million pre-tax profit on French group AREVA's agreed cash bid for another of its significant investments, uranium counter UraMin.

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<http://www.growthcompany.co.uk/news-and-comment/256578/stake-sales-lift-galahad.thtml>

New DVD offers commentary on marketing Bristol Bay salmon

Bristol Bay Times

June 21, 2007

When Tricia Ward attended the International Seafood Show last spring with a college marketing class, she brought with her a video camera. The young filmmaker returned with more than 15 hours of footage, and from this, she created a tight, well-produced documentary that offers commentary on marketing Bristol Bay salmon.

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<http://www.homertribune.com/article.php?aid=1796>

Mining gold in Alaska: The rush is on, again

*Larry Kershner
Golden Triangle Newspapers
June 20, 2007*

Gold rush.

Back in the 19th century, the Yukon Territory in Canada and the U.S. Territory called Alaska would be the dream of every would-be prospector of the lower 48 states and thousands of others from around the world. There existed a chance to strike it rich, with an even bigger chance of going bust, or worse, losing one's life.

According to Mt. Pleasant resident Terry Beckett, there's another worldwide rush on minerals and Alaska sits as one of the largest known regions for untapped gold, rivaling Brazil for that honor.

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http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18499532&BRD=1142&PAG=461&dept_id=567520&rfi=6

Blogs!

Check out these Bristol Bay blogs!

Bristol Bay Project Update

http://moldychum.typepad.com/moldy_chum/2007/06/bristol-bay-pro.html

Say No to Mining in Alaska's Pristine Bristol Bay!

http://www.care2.com/actionalerts/aa_single.html?id=426

Click here to sign online petition to protect Bristol Bay:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/796419168?z00m=9441602>

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