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Lt. Governor forced to certify clean water initiative

Anti-Pebble group hits the streets for petition signatures; Anglo American CEO tours mine, selected Legislators

*By Layton Ehmke
Homer Tribune
October 24, 2007*

For the first time in the state's history, the voice of the people could have a legal impact on new large-scale mines. The foot troops for the Renewable Resources Coalition will take to the streets during the coming months as they attempt to do something no other petitioner has ever successfully done - collect 23,831 signatures in just three months.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.homertribune.com/article.php?aid=2265>

Anglo considers chucking Pebble

*by Sherilee Bridge
The Times - Johannesburg
October 26, 2007*

Anglo American has promised to abandon plans to develop the Pebble copper-gold-molybdenum mine in Alaska if studies prove that the mine would damage the region's natural resources or endanger its wildlife.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.thetimes.co.za/Business/Article.aspx?id=594844>

Salmon Spawning Wilderness Threatened by Gold Exploration

*by Forrest Dick
Epoch Times Seattle Staff
October 24, 2007*

Bristol Bay in southern Alaska is one of the richest fishing grounds in the world. The rivers emptying into it are the spawning grounds for runs of Sockeye salmon millions strong. These runs of salmon and other fish support a huge commercial and sport fishing market, as well as large numbers of marine mammals.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://en.epochtimes.com/news/7-10-24/61142.html>

Pebble bad for salmon, says scientist

by Ben Stuart

Homer News
October 24, 2007

It was hard to tell if anyone at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center last Thursday night was for developing the proposed Pebble project.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
http://www.homernews.com/stories/10242007/news_1_002.shtml

Anglo American Makes Push for Pebble Mine Project

ABC Alaska News
October 24, 2007

The chief executive of Anglo American, the world's second-largest mining company, has been crisscrossing Alaska this week as she makes a pitch for development of the Pebble Mine. Cynthia Carroll has been meeting with key politicians and business leaders in her pitch for transforming lands in western Alaska into one of world's largest mines.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.aksuperstation.com/news/local/10754536.html>

Anglo American CEO makes pitch for giant Alaska metals mine

by Associated Press
International Herald Tribune
October 23, 2007

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: The chief executive of Anglo American PLC, the world's second-largest mining company, has crisscrossed Alaska over the past two days, meeting key politicians and business leaders in her pitch for transforming lands in western Alaska into one of world's largest mines.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/10/23/business/NA-FIN-US-Alaska-Mine.php>

Pebble project officially has new partner

by Sean Doogan
KTUU
October 23, 2007

ILIAMNA, Alaska -- Through mountain passes and high tundra lakes, Iliamna is a hotspot of activity these days, as a new player emerges in the Pebble Mine project.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=7256623>

Alaska Officials Discuss Mine

by Steve Quinn, Associated Press Writer
Houston Chronicle
October 23, 2007

JUNEAU, Alaska - Some state lawmakers took a break from the governor's oil and gas bill Monday to discuss another resource: metals.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/fn/5237276.html>

Tough talk for Pebble factions

MINING: Natural resources chief says hype is hurting the state.

by Elizabeth Bluemink
Anchorage Daily News
October 23, 2007

The state's natural resources chief dished out harsh words Monday for the developers of the Pebble copper and gold prospect and its opponents.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/story/9400178p-9313510c.html>

Irwin chides Pebble Mine opponents, supporters

by Jason Moore
KTUU
October 22, 2007

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- The opposing forces in sharp debate over Pebble Mine aren't making Tom Irwin's job any easier.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.ktuu.com/global/story.asp?s=7250551>

Lawmakers get briefing

By Associated Press
KTUU
October 22, 2007

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - With all this talk about oil, some lawmakers at the special legislative session turned their minds to another resource today (Monday). Metals.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=7250336>

Pebble Mine's CEO makes rounds in Alaska

by Dave Donaldson
APRN - Juneau
October 22, 2007

The CEO of the new partner developing the Pebble Mine near Iliamna is learning her way around Alaska today. Cynthia Carroll heads **Anglo-American PLC**, a global mining company that is the 10th largest company on the London Stock Exchange with nearly 200,000 employees in 65 countries.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://aprn.org/2007/10/22/pebble-mines-ceo-makes-rounds-in-alaska/>

Experts share concerns over effects from mines

by Jessica Cejnar
Peninsula Clarion
October 21, 2007

In order to break the ice with her audience, Carol Ann Woody's first slide showed her with a 49-inch northern pike cradled in her arms. She had a big grin on her face as she told the audience how she happened to grab onto the enormous fish, but when she touched on what happens when zinc mixes with copper, she said the audience wouldn't want to eat that pike.

To view article in its entirety, please click on

http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/stories/102107/news_4305.shtml

Superior Court orders state to expedite printing of clean water ballot initiative

by Margaret Bauman

Alaska Journal of Commerce

October 18, 2007

Alaska Superior Court Judge Fred Torrissi has ordered state officials to expedite printing of petition booklets for an Alaska Clean Water ballot initiative.

To view article in its entirety, please click on

http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/101807/hom_20071001899.shtml

Initiative strikes fear in mining industry

by Jason Moore

KTUU

October 17, 2007

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A proposed ballot initiative is striking fear in the mining industry.

To view article in its entirety, please click

<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=7230197>

A step in the right direction: Legislature needs to pass bill before Pebble Mine moves on

by Gabrielle LeDoux

Peninsula Clarion

October 24, 2007

I am the state Representative for House District 36, which includes Kodiak as well as the Lake Iliamna region, the area of the proposed Pebble Mine project. I have just returned from hearings related to the Pebble Mine held in my district, as well as the surrounding area. I stayed around after the hearings for about a week because I wanted the opportunity to talk with people personally about the project rather than just hearing from those willing to speak at a public forum.

To view article in its entirety, please click on

http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/stories/102407/oped_4363.shtml

Update on Pebble Mine

by Scott Hed

Patagonia Website

On August 1, 2007 the world's third largest mining company, London-based Anglo American, announced it was forming a fifty-fifty partnership with Northern Dynasty to continue exploration and study work on the Pebble project. The agreement calls for Anglo to contribute up to \$1.4 billion in stages until the decision to ultimately develop the mine is made, estimated in 2011, with production targeted to begin in 2015.

To view article in its entirety, please click on
<http://www.patagonia.com/web/us/patagonia.go?assetid=23575>

Letters to the Editor

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4. *Sign up to be a member of RRC and refer your friends!*

Click [HERE](#) to go to the RRC website for newspaper and legislator contact information.

Could Pebble mine be richer than world's richest ecosystem?

Shawn B. Standley - Anchorage
Anchorage Daily News
October 25, 2007

<http://www.adn.com/opinion/letters/story/9405153p-9318041c.html>

In all the articles I've read regarding the development of the Pebble mine, I've never heard anyone ask: "How much money will Alaskans really get?"

Estimates say the minerals at the sites are worth hundreds of billions of dollars. Yet, the two corporations investing the most in the mines are from Canada (Northern Dynasty) and England (Anglo American).

In thinking about the future of Alaska and Alaskans, what does Pebble really offer? How much money and what benefits, possibly at the expense of one of the world's richest ecosystems (and a \$100-plus million industry), will we see?

We need to protect subsistence hunting

Sally Gumlickpuk, Subsistence user - New Stuyahok
Juneau Empire
October 21, 2007

http://juneauempire.com/stories/102107/let_20071021010.shtml

As I read Lorianne Rawson's My Turn, "Politicians cause trouble in Bristol Bay," I wondered how in the world can she claim to be a Bristol Bay fisherman with no regards to the welfare of the fish she claims to be fishing for? Did she read up on the disasters that mines can do to the environments? How our rivers can become poisoned by the chemicals they use to get to the gold? Did she read that Kensington Mine wants to dump tailings into Slate Lake and have that labeled as fill?

If we leave this up to the state, we will have nothing left to fish and subsist for so we need to put the permitting process back to the fish and wildlife.

I am singing praises to the Reps. Jay Ramras, Bryce Edgmon, Nancy Dahlstrom, Les Gara and Beth Kerttula and others in Legislature, because they are only thinking of the people and not just the few that are profiting from the mine. Way to go, Ramras, Edgmon and all the others involved in House Bill

134 and Senate Bill 67. Keep up the good work and keep on thinking of the people who elected you into your offices. Thank you very much.

Allegations against Northern Dynasty not 'baseless'

Jim Wallman - Dillingham

The Bristol Bay Times, page 4

October 18, 2007

http://www.alaskanewspapers.com/content/pdf/BT_10-18-07.pdf

Residents of Bristol Bay that are concerned about allegations that Northern Dynasty is throwing around money inappropriately need do only two things.

They need to stop taking the money. (What the heck is a "community associate," and how much does it cost to rent a house in Iliamna?)

They also need to do just the tiniest bit of research into other mines at other sites in other states. It is not an unwarranted fear.

When you parrot the party line that is put out by mega-corporations it makes it hard to see the reality. Now it's the politicians fault? And who are these purveyors of fear?

According to Lorianne Rawson ("Alaska politicians create dissonance in Bristol Bay," Sept. 27, The Bristol Bay Times) it is the politicians, "sportsman's groups, lodge owners, numerous conservation groups, and fish processing companies." Well, you left someone out: me.

You also left out the hundreds of other residents of the community who have looked beyond the mining company press releases to see the true impact these mines have had on countless communities.

Sean Magee of Northern Dynasty assures us that the allegations made by (state Rep. Jay) Ramras are "baseless" and that all the free airfare, all-expenses paid, plus per diem trips for "educational meetings" are all above board.

"If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck. . ."

Europeans care about Bristol Bay, too

Pierre Bronsgeest, Chief editor, Beet Sport Fishing Magazine

The Bristol Bay Times, page 4

October 18, 2007

http://www.alaskanewspapers.com/content/pdf/BT_10-18-07.pdf

I am the chief editor of Beet, a sport-fishing magazine in Holland and Belgium.

In Europe, we see Alaska as one of the last places in the world where nature is what it should be and natural species still live without the interference of humans.

Global warming will be our biggest enemy for the coming decades.

We can't let people destroy the Bristol Bay watershed and destroy the future of the salmon. By polluting the area, the whole system will be infected, and salmon will not be able reach their spawning grounds.

Around Alaska and Beyond

Madagascar mine 'threatening biodiversity'

*by Alison Benjamin
Guardian Unlimited
October 24, 2007*

A project in Madagascar that has been billed as a future model for responsible mining in the developing world is threatening biodiversity, increasing poverty and damaging the local economy, conservationists say.

To view article in its entirety, please click on

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2007/oct/24/corporatesocialresponsibility.endangeredhabitats>

Blogs

There Already IS a Goldmine in the Bay

<http://neilcreekchronicles.blogspot.com/2007/10/there-already-is-goldmine-in-bay.html>

Alaska Salmon Fishing

<http://deepseafishing.spaces.live.com/Blog/cns!5B0C22919467BC2E!1328.entry>

Big Gold Deposits Found in Alaska; What Should We Do?

<http://journals.aol.com/lurkynat/Interface/entries/2007/10/22/big-gold-depositsfound-in-alaskawhat-should-we-do/1970>

Pebble Mine's CEO makes rounds in Alaska

<http://aprn.org/2007/10/22/pebble-mines-ceo-makes-rounds-in-alaska/>

Alaska Miners Association Claims the Alaska Clean Waters Initiative Would Kill Alaska's Mining Industry Just to Stop the Pebble Mine

<http://alaskapride.blogspot.com/2007/10/alaska-miners-association-claims-alaska.html>

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