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TRIBES OF BRISTOL BAY

Mission: Protect the Yup'ik, Dena'ina, and Alutiiq ways of life in Bristol Bay.

WHO WE ARE:

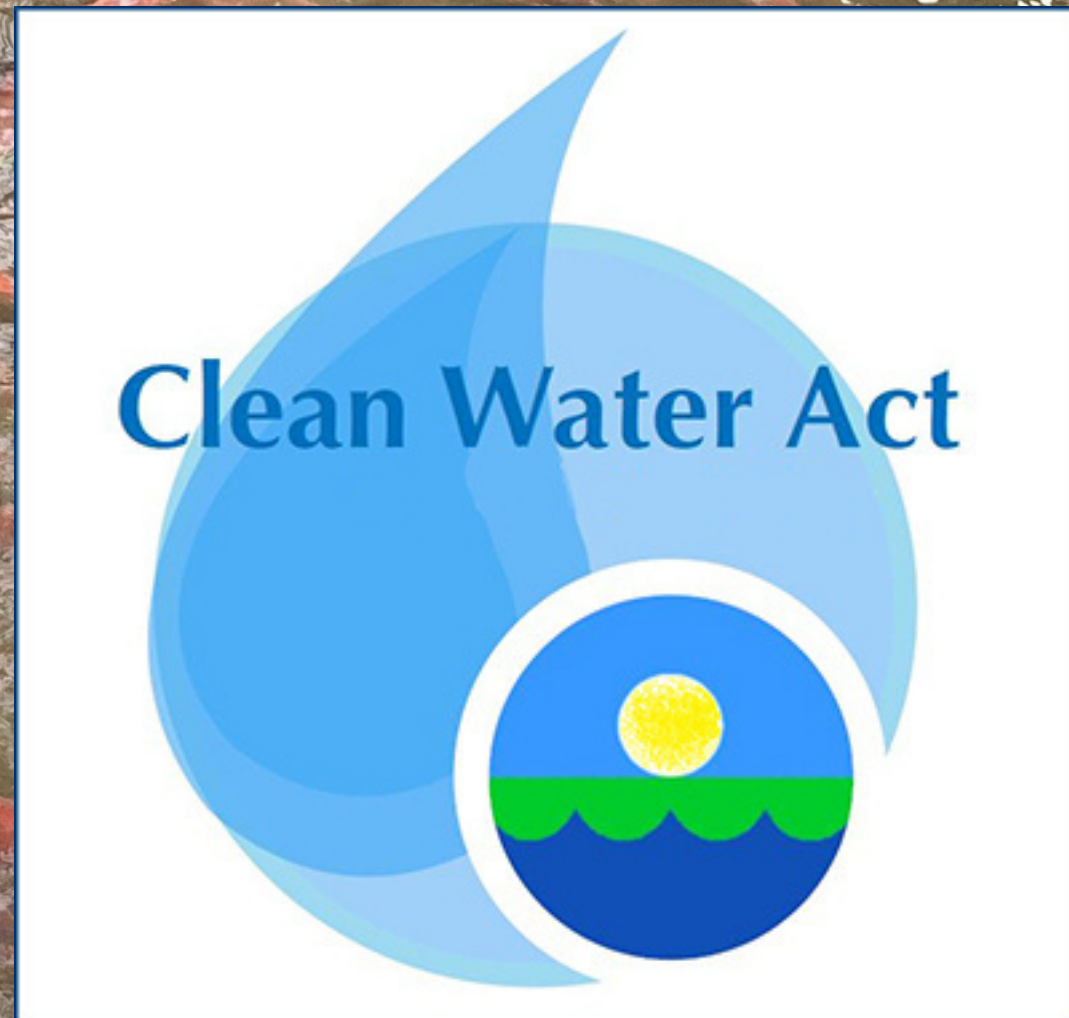
United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) is a Tribal consortium representing Bristol Bay Tribal governments working to sustain the Yup'ik, Dena'ina, and Alutiiq way of life in Bristol Bay.

MEMBER TRIBES:

Traditional Council of Togiak,
Twin Hills Village Council
Manokotak Village Council
Curyung Tribal Council,
Aleknagik Traditional Council
Ekuk Village Council
Clark's Point Village Council
Portage Creek Village Council
New Stuyahok Traditional Council
New Koliganek Village Council
Levelock Village Council
Nondalton Tribal Council
Pedro Bay Village Council
Pilot Point Tribal Council
Chignik Lake Traditional Council



EPA 404(c)



- Under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act, EPA has the authority to prohibit, restrict, or deny the use of an area as a disposal site for dredge or fill material.
- EPA's 404(c) authority is an exceptionally durable tool that the EPA uses judiciously, only three times in the last 30 years and 14 times in its over 50 year history.



History

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EPA'S 404(c) PROCESS IN BRISTOL BAY

- 2010** Bristol Bay Tribes petition the EPA, requesting 404(c) action to protect the watershed
- 2011** EPA begins a 3-year assessment of the need to protect Bristol Bay
- 2014** EPA determines Pebble Mine would cause irreversible damage to Bristol Bay and begins the 404(c) process, but protections are never finalized
- 2017** Trump administration halts and reverses work to complete 404(c) protections
- 2019** Trump administration withdraws the EPA's proposed 404(c) protections
- 2021** Federal Courts reinstate the EPA's protections and put the 404(c) process back on track
- 2023** On January 31, EPA finalized comprehensive Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay

Immediate Threat

- On July 26, the State of Alaska filed an original jurisdiction action in the U.S. Supreme Court alleging the 404(c) violates the Alaska Statehood Compact.
- The State seeks to exempt its lands from the Clean Water Act.
- UTBB will be participating in the litigation. Amicus Brief in opposition to the State's petition is due November 9.



The Future

- Active mineral exploration still ongoing
 - 23 other mining deposits in the Region
- State political leadership remains largely supportive of mineral development in Bristol Bay.
- Legislative efforts to protect the entire Watershed are ongoing.



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Questions or
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