

BUSINESSES FOR BRISTOL BAY

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Dear President Biden and Members of Congress,

As businesses that value and depend on Bristol Bay's pristine waters, we stand with the people of Bristol Bay and ask our elected leaders to quickly act to permanently protect Bristol Bay from large-scale mining. For nearly two decades, the proposed Pebble Mine has threatened the Bristol Bay region and its world-class wild salmon fishery, which supplies nearly 60% of the world's sockeye salmon, employs more than 15,000 Americans, and generates \$2.2 billion in annual economic activity.

In November 2020, the US Army Corps of Engineers denied the Pebble Limited Partnership's Clean Water Act permit application, pausing this dangerous project from moving forward. The following week, Bristol Bay tribes and residents who call this area home released a *Call to Protect Bristol Bay*, outlining their vision for permanent protections and a two-step process that would ensure that industrial scale mining does not continue to threaten Bristol Bay's communities, fishermen, businesses and way of life:

- The Environmental Protection Agency should use its authority under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to veto the Pebble Mine. No other approach can provide the immediate protections necessary for the people and businesses that depend on Bristol Bay. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency have all concluded that Pebble Mine will permanently damage Bristol Bay and its fishery. It's time to act on that science and give Bristol Bay immediate protection through a 404(c) veto.
- To ensure that Bristol Bay's protections are not reversed by future administrations, Congress should also advance permanent legislative protection for the area. Any legislation must protect the watershed and fisheries of Bristol Bay in perpetuity and ban any industrial mining project that will endanger the salmon and thousands of jobs that depend upon them. We have a responsibility to protect our way of life and any legislative action must ensure these waters are protected for future generations.

We must permanently close the door on the Pebble Mine or any other large mining development in the Bristol Bay region. Bristol Bay is a renewable economic engine that sustains thousands of businesses throughout the country. It is in our country's best interest to permanently protect Bristol Bay and ensure that it will continue to provide jobs, revenue, recreation opportunities, and sustainable, wild seafood into the future.

Sincerely,

13 Fishing	Alpacka Raft	Blue Heron Inn
Abel Reels	Amalga Distillery	Bob Mitchells Fly Shop
Adamsbuilt Fishing	American Fishing Tackle Company	Bob's Cabin & Guide Service
Airflo USA	American Fly Fishing Trade Association	Boulder Boat Works
AK Adventures, Inc.	American Sustainable Business Council	BPI Outdoors
Alagnak Lodge Ltd	Anchorage Guest Houses	Brian O'Keefe Photography
Alaska Alpine Adventures	Angler's Alibi	Bridge Outfitters
Alaska Fly Fishing Goods	Angling Trade	Bristol Bay Lodge
Alaska General Seafoods	Angry Eagle Lodge	Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association	Bajio	Bristol Bay Reserve
Alaska Personal Journeys	Balboa Map Company	Bryan Gregson Photography
Alaska Photo Treks	Baranof Wilderness Lodge	Butcher Box
Alaska Salmon Camp	Barry & Cathy Beck Photography	C&G's Wild Alaska Salmon
Alaska Ship Supply	Bear Trail Lodge	Cascadia Seafoods, LLC
Alaska Sportsman's Lodge	Beaver Street Fisheries	Cheeky Fishing
Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust	Beluga Air	Chinook Tours
Alaska Wild Harvest	Beyond Boundaries Expeditions	Clif
Alaska Wild Wind Adventures	Big Game Big Country	Colin Tyler Photography
Alaska's Wild River Guides	Blue Fly, LLC	Colorado Trout Hunters
Alaskans Own	Blue Halo	Cooper Landing Fishing Guide
Allen Fly Fishing		

Copper River Lodge	Fishing with Larry	HB Surf School
Costa Sunglasses	Fishpeople Seafood	Hog Island Boat Works
Crystal Creek Lodge LLC	Fishpond	Hog Island Oyster Company
Dave McCoy Photography	FishWise	Howlers Brothers
David W. Shaw Photo Workshops and Tour	Flint Ridge Rifles	Hulin Alaskan Design
Duke's Seafood	Fly Fish America	HuntingLife.com
Dun Magazine	Fly Fishers International	Hutch on Hunting
Dvorak Expeditions	Fly Water Travel	Hy-Vee, Inc.
EcoFish, Inc.	Flylords	Inland Seafood
Emerger Strategies	Flymen Fishing Company	James Beard Foundation
Epic Angling & Adventure	For the Wild	John Nagle Co.
Euclid Fish Company	Forever Wild Seafood	Johnson and Associates
Eva's Wild	Fox Bay Lodge	Katmai Wilderness Lodge
F.D. Kretchman Rod Co.	Frigate Adventure Travel	Keen
Fairweather Ski Works	Frontiers Travel	Ken Conger Photography
Fall Line Fisheries	G Loomis	Key City Fish Company
Far Bank Enterprises	Graveyard Fish Company	King Salmon Associates
Finest Fly Tying Benches of Colorado	Gray's Sporting Journal	King Salmon Lodge
First Lite	Great Alaska Adventures	Kodiak Custom Fishing Tackle
Fish Eye Guy Photography	Greg's Safes & Sport Supplies	Leader Creek Fisheries
Fish the Nush	Grizzly Skins of Alaska	Loon Outdoors
FishHound Expeditions	Grundéns	Madison's Salmon Co.
	Hatch Magazine	

Marine Fish Conservation Network	One Fish Foundation	RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service
Matchcoat Sojourner	Orca Bay Foods LLC	RIO Products
Matt Heron Fly Fishing	Oregon Pack Works	Rise Fishing Co.
MeatEater	Outly	Rising
Minnow	Outside Analytics	River King Outfitters
Moldy Chum	Ouzel International Expeditions, Inc.	Rose Creek Anglers
Mystery Ranch	Pacific Marine Expo	Ross Reels USA
National Fisherman	Painter Creek Lodge	Royal Coachman Lodge
Nautilus Reels	Patagonia	Sage Fly Fishing
NEMO Equipment	PCC Community Markets	Salmon Sisters
New Hampshire Community Seafoods	People's Wine Revolution	Samuels and Son Seafood Co. Inc.
New Seasons Market	Perry's Restaurants	Santa Monica Seafood
Nick Hall Photography	Poncho Outdoors	Sawtooth Wood Design
Niner Bikes	Pro-Troll	Scott Fly Rod Co
NOMAR	Publix Super Markets	Sea Creatures Restaurants
North Point Brands	Pure Alaska Salmon Co.	Sea Hawk Air, Inc.
Northland Fishing Tackle	R.L. Winston Rod Company	Sea to Table
Northline Seafoods LLC	Rajeff Sports	Seattle Fish Co.
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance	Rapids Camp Lodge	Seek Outside
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association	REC Components	Sight Line Provisions
Okuma Fishing Tackle	Redington	Sitka Gear
On the Land Media	RepYourWater	Slow Food USA

SmartFish AC	The Drake Magazine	Wayde Carroll Photography
Smith Sport Optics	The Eyrie Vineyards	Wegmans Food Markets
Social Venture Circle	The Fishin' Company	Western Alaska Sport Fishing
Southeast Alaska Guiding	The Fly Fishing Show	Western Ecology
Southline Industries	The Fly Shop	Western Fishing Adventures
Sports Afield	The Venturing Angler	Whiz-Band Fisheries
St Croix Rods	The Wild Salmon Co.	Whole Foods Market
Stoney River Lodge Inc.	Tightline Studio	Wild Fly Pursuits
Sunny Porch Collaborative	Tilikum Place Cafe	Wilderness Alaska
Surrender Salmon	Tom Douglas' Rub with Love	Wildfish Marketing
Sweetwater Travel Company	Umpqua Feather Merchants	Wingo Outdoors
Sysco Corporation	Under Solen Media	Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures
Tailwaters Fly Fishing	Walrus Oil	Z-Bar
TakeDown Sportfishing	Water Master	
Temple Fork Outfitters	Waterworks-Lamson	