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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

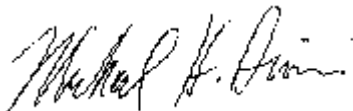
I am writing about your agency's decision to move forward with a 404(c) determination aimed at protecting Bristol Bay and its world-class salmon fishery. Thank you for the time you took to thoroughly review this issue through the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and for upholding the science throughout this process. I agree with the EPA's findings that large-scale mineral development in the Bristol Bay region would pose unacceptable adverse impacts to Bristol Bay's salmon fisheries. The risks and potential costs are simply too high.

Thus, I urge you to move forward with a Final Determination under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act without delay. I support restrictions that not only safeguard against mine waste disposal at the Pebble Mine location, but also firmly establish that sulfide-mining activity in Bristol Bay poses unacceptable risks to the watershed as a whole. Bristol Bay's prolific salmon populations and large-scale mining simply cannot coexist.

With wild fisheries declining around the world, it's more important than ever that we protect pristine wild places like Bristol Bay. Americans cannot afford to lose this irreplaceable wild salmon fishery, which in addition to supplying nearly half of the world's sockeye salmon also provides over 14,000 renewable jobs and generates \$1.5 billion in economic activity each year.

As someone who values wild salmon as a healthy and sustainable seafood option, I encourage your agency to do the right thing for Bristol Bay - and for all Americans - and to move forward with a Final Determination.

Sincerely,



Michael Dimin  
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