

Subject: EPA-R10-OW-2014-0505

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

Thank you for the time you took to review the negative ecological impact that Pebble Mine will have on Bristol Bay's salmon fishery and the head waters of Bristol Bay. I'm a restaurateur in Seattle who owns 13 restaurants that support a staff of 1,000. I'm also a chef who gets to serve the most beautiful fish in the world to visitors from all over the world. Bristol Bay is one of the last great remaining salmon fisheries on earth.

Nearly \$10 million, or 20 percent of my business' annual sales is generated by salmon, which is the most popular choice on our menus, and I am not alone. Wild salmon, a healthy and delicious protein, sustains many of us in the food industry. But Bristol Bay's pristine salmon population and large-scale mining cannot coexist.

Wild salmon is at the core of our identity and culture here in the Pacific Northwest, and Bristol Bay Sockeye is an irreplaceable resource for us. I urge you and your agency to support permanent protection for Bristol Bay from the Pebble Mine and to move forward with a Final Determination.

Cheers,

Tom Douglas  
Seattle, Washington