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Commercial Fishermen statement concerning new stipulations on Pebble state-level permit

DILLINGHAM, AK – Today, the State of Alaska revised the conditions of Pebble's exploratory permit, adding measures of accountability including a bond, as well as increased standards for reclamation and monitoring.

In response to the announcement, Melanie Brown of Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay said:

“Bristol Bay fishermen have long said that we’re unwilling to trade our sustainable jobs and fishery for a short-term mine, and we’ve been supported by a vast majority of Bristol Bay residents and the majority of Alaskans in our opposition to Pebble Mine. This year, the State had an opportunity to put the interests of Alaskans who live and work in Bristol Bay over the profits of a foreign mining company and I am thankful and proud they took it, and will ensure Pebble is responsible for cleaning up any mess left behind in Bristol Bay.”

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Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay is a coalition of over 100 fishing organizations and thousands of individual fishermen working to protect the 14,000 jobs, more than \$500 million in annual income, and over half the world's wild sockeye salmon provided by Bristol Bay's 125 year sustainable fishery. Learn more at fishermenforbristolbay.org.

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