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Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay endorses Ballot Measure 1
Coalition encourages fellow fishermen to vote Yes for Ballot Measure 1

Dillingham, AK - On Monday, September 10th, the Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay coalition (CFBB) released a [letter of endorsement](#) for Ballot Measure 1, also known as the Yes for Salmon ballot initiative. CFBB joins the Bristol Bay Native Association, the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Bristol Bay tribes, and hundreds of Alaska owned businesses, commercial fishermen, and organizations around the state who support Ballot Measure 1.

Formed in 2011 to represent commercial fishermen and other fishing industry members, CFBB is a national coalition of fishermen, businesses, and organizations that support protecting Bristol Bay and its world-class fisheries. Over the years, CFBB has helped advocate for fishermen's interests and concerns, specifically in the fight to stop the Pebble Mine project proposed in Bristol Bay's headwaters.

In CFBB's letter of endorsement, CFBB's representatives stated:

"If there's any reason why fishermen and Alaskans should vote for Ballot Measure 1 they need look no further than Bristol Bay... Ballot Measure 1 would help ensure that projects like the Pebble Mine undergo a fair, transparent, and science-based permitting process as well as give our state's decision-makers the tools that they need to protect Alaska's most valuable and productive wild salmon fishery.

It's time that we bring our state's salmon habitat permitting laws up to the same high level of robustness, accountability, and sophistication as our fishery management laws - some of the best in the world.

Ballot Measure 1 is an opportunity for Alaska to do what no other state has done before: use history, science, and common sense to guide our resource development and have a future that includes wild salmon."

The fishing industry is the single-largest private sector employer in Alaska. In 2015-2016 Alaska's commercial fisheries employed 29,000 fishermen, with an economic output of \$5.2 billion. Bristol Bay alone provides over 14,000 renewable jobs, \$500 million in annual income and \$1.5 billion in economic activity.

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Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay is a coalition of over 100 fishing organizations and thousands of individual fishermen around the country 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 sustainable fishery. Learn more at fishermenforbristolbay.org.