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MEDIA ADVISORY:

**PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE ONGOING THREATS TO BRISTOL BAY FISHERIES,
CULTURE, AND JOBS FROM PEBBLE MINE PLAN AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
REVIEW PROCESS**

*Bristol Bay community, science, and seafood industry leaders detail risks to Bristol Bay region
included and missing from Pebble Mine EIS*

What: Bristol Bay leaders will outline inadequacies of the Army Corps of Engineers review of the proposed Pebble Mine, highlight threats to Alaska's fisheries, jobs, and cultures and call on Alaska leaders to stop this broken, federally-driven process and stand up for Alaskans.

Experts will highlight findings regarding failures and deficiencies of both the public process to review Pebble's phase-one mining plan, and the scientific analysis of the Environmental Impact Statement.

When: Press conference: 11 a.m. Monday, April 1

Where: 201 Main Street in Juneau, Alaska
Teleconference line: 888-392-4564 Enter: 3460577#

Who:

Gayla Hoseth, 2nd Chief of Curyung Tribal Council and currently serves as the Director of Natural Resources at Bristol Bay Native Association where she has worked closely with tribes and residents on sustaining Bristol Bay regional food security and subsistence way of life through the Federal Subsistence Board, ADF&G Board of Fish and Board of Game regulatory processes.

Norman Van Vector is a longtime participant in Bristol Bay fisheries and current CEO of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. He lives in Dillingham.

Dr. Daniel Schindler is a professor in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington where he has been on the faculty since 1997. He is a principal investigator of the UW Alaska Salmon Program which has studied the ecology of salmon and their watersheds in western Alaska since 1946.

Dr. Cameron Wobus is a Senior Scientist at Lynker Technologies, where he specializes in climate change impacts, mitigation, and adaptation, particularly for the water sector. In 2015 Dr. Wobus led a team of scientists in the development an integrated hydrologic model of the upper Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds in the Bristol Bay region to better understand the potential impacts of the proposed Pebble Mine.

Rick Halford has lived in Alaska for over 50 years and has made his living off the land. As a hunting and fishing guide, air taxi owner and operator, lodge owner and land developer he is no stranger to natural resource management issues. Rick dedicated 24 years to public service in the Alaska State Legislature and held many leadership roles: multiple terms as Senate President, multiple terms as Senate Majority Leader, House and Senate Minority Leader, and chaired the resources, rules, finance, and judiciary committees.