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MEDIA ADVISORY:

**FISHING INDUSTRY LEADERS IN SEATTLE THIS WEEK TO EXPOSE THREATS TO
BRISTOL BAY'S FISHERY FROM PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE AND CORRUPT FEDERAL
PERMITTING PROCESS**

Bristol Bay stakeholders and commercial fishing leaders from Alaska and Washington are in Seattle this week for the annual [Pacific Marine Expo](#) (CenturyLink Field Event Center, November 21-23), with several opportunities for reporters and the public to learn about the Pebble mine permitting processes, and the threat the mine poses to the Bristol Bay fishery.

Pebble's permitting process is currently being fast-tracked by the Trump Administration despite local and national opposition to the project and scientific evidence that it could destroy the region's fishery, and several federal agencies have raised significant concerns about the environmental review process so far. Bristol Bay fishermen, seafood industry leaders, and other concerned stakeholders are calling for a complete stop to the corrupt permitting process currently underway.

The Army Corps of Engineers released a flawed draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) last spring, and has clearly demonstrated that the agency is unwilling to conduct the robust and transparent project review Bristol Bay has long been promised. The agency's public process has failed to meet the basic accepted standards for any federal agency, and has proceeded despite major data gaps and inadequate scientific analysis. This undertaking has made it clear that the USACE has no concern for the lives and salmon runs this project would impact, and instead is set on fast-tracking a permit decision in 2020.

Events:

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: [Keynote Panel on Pebble Mine presented by National Fisherman](#) (at Pacific Marine Expo). The discussion will include Jes Hathaway (National Fisherman Editor), Andy Wink (Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association Executive Director), Daniel Schindler (Alaska Salmon Program Director), Mike Friccero

(BBRSDA Former Board President), Everett Andersen (Bristol Bay Native Corporation Director), and Renee Erickson (Sea Creatures Chef and Owner).



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Friday, Nov. 22, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Fishermen's Happy Hour co-hosted by [Grundéns](#) and Bristol Bay coalition at booth #721 (at Pacific Marine Expo).

Friday, Nov. 22, 5:30 - 8 p.m.: [Special dinner screening](#) of award-winning documentary [The Wild](#) at Paseo (1760 1st Ave S, Seattle) followed by Q&A with the Director of The Wild and Bristol Bay fishermen. Tickets are required, and [available online](#).

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:

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