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Bristol Bay fishermen & Tribes appalled to learn the extent Governor Dunleavy is lobbying on Pebble Limited Partnership's behalf, demand corrective action

CNN reveals the Pebble Limited Partnership has been ghost-writing communications for Governor Dunleavy to direct action by the White House, EPA, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DILLINGHAM, AK - An [investigative report](#) released by CNN yesterday revealed that Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy has been collaborating directly with the Pebble Limited Partnership to aggressively lobby on their behalf to the White House, Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Letters obtained by CNN show that Governor Dunleavy forwarded requests, on behalf of the State of Alaska, that were ghost-written by the Pebble Partnership to the White House, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency asking them to do away with the EPA's proposed protections for Bristol Bay and to fast track the Army Corps' environmental assessment.

The communications between Pebble and top officials indicate Dunleavy and Pebble's lobbying efforts are not only responsible for EPA's action but that Pebble had advance knowledge of EPA's action- a claim Pebble CEO Tom Collier denied in an October hearing on the project in Congress.

Bristol Bay resident and Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay Director Katherine Carscallen issued the following statement in response to Governor Dunleavy's disappointing actions:

"Bristol Bay's fishermen were outraged to learn that Alaska's own Governor has become a puppet for the Pebble Partnership and is willing to betray his fellow Alaskans for Pebble's benefit. Governor Dunleavy's actions put the future well-being and prosperity of Alaska's fishermen, communities, and businesses at risk. He should be representing his constituents who have repeatedly said that they do not want this mine and that it's not worth the risk to our salmon and our livelihoods. We've been told for more than a decade to trust the permitting process, but Governor Dunleavy's close relationship with Pebble makes it clear that we cannot trust the State of Alaska to uphold a fair and science-based permitting process that protects the public interest. We call on Alaska's Senators to restore public confidence in this process and request a re-start of the Army Corps' EIS process; this time putting Alaskans' interests first and keeping the Pebble Partnership out of the driver's seat."

United Tribes of Bristol Bay's Executive Director Alannah Hurley stated:

"We are consistently seeing undeniable evidence surface from investigative reporting that the corrupt politics of Alaska's Governor Dunleavy and the Trump Administration have guided the Pebble permitting process to date. The fact that we are on the precipice of a release of a Final EIS and permitting decision in 2020 that will be based on a universally condemned process wrought with State and Federal corruption is extremely alarming. Our elected leaders must stop pretending there is any legitimacy in the current Pebble permitting process and start this process over, so facts and science in the process can be restored.

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United Tribes of Bristol Bay is a tribal consortium representing 15 Bristol Bay tribal governments (that represent over 80 percent of the region's total population) working to protect the Yup'ik, Dena'ina, and Alutiiq way of life in Bristol Bay.

Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay is a national coalition of fishermen working to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska and the 14,000 jobs, \$500 million in annual income, and \$1.5 billion in economic activity that Bristol Bay's wild salmon provide.