

# COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN FOR BRISTOL BAY

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## **Bristol Bay fishermen respond to Pebble CEO resignation; Call for Alaska's Senators to put a stop to Pebble's Permitting Process**

Dillingham, AK - Pebble Mine Developer Northern Dynasty Minerals announced the resignation of Pebble Limited Partnership CEO Tom Collier in reaction to "[The Pebble Tapes](#)" recordings released earlier this week. In response:

"Tom Collier's resignation is straight out of the 'pick a fall-guy' playbook all companies use when caught in illegal or unethical activity. Simply removing Collier from leadership cannot be allowed to distract from the reality that the entire Pebble permitting process has been tainted under his leadership. NDM CEO Ron Thiessen was on The Pebble Tapes as well and is equally culpable, but it is clear they are merely two individuals advancing the decades long agenda being pushed by this company. The permitting process must be stopped immediately and tacit support for Pebble through complacency from our elected officials should no longer be accepted." said Katherine Carscallen, Executive Director of Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay.

In a [live press conference](#) earlier in the day Commercial Fisherman Spokesman Robin Samuelsen called on Alaskan Senators Sullivan and Murkowski to take swift action to stop the Pebble Permitting Process:

"Both senators came out yesterday and simply referenced their previous statements. To me, that's not good enough. We are on the point where this mine may be permitted. These tapes came out and showed that these people are lying to all of us. All of us are being lied to. And I'm demanding that our Senators take action. Show the people of Alaska, show the people of Bristol Bay, if you really have concerns about Pebble Mine, then speak up and take action against Pebble," said Commercial fisherman and CFBB Advisor Robin Samuelsen.

Samuelsen added: "That's all they talked about in those tapes, Pebble getting a ROD (record of decision ). But I'll tell you. When I was a kid and being very mischief, I got the rod. And it was on my hind end. And that's what I'm asking Senator Sullivan and Senator Murkowski to do. Take out the rod, it's time to spank 'em. They've lied to you, they've lied to us out in Bristol Bay, they've lied to Alaska and they've lied to the world."

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*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.*