

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN FOR BRISTOL BAY

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Bristol Bay's fishermen welcome Pebble's permit denial; call for Permanent Protections for Bristol Bay

Fishermen ask EPA, lawmakers, President-elect Biden for Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay

DILLINGHAM, AK - Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied the Pebble Limited Partnership's Clean Water Act § 404 permit application for the Pebble Mine, stating that the agency "determined that the applicant's plan for the discharge of fill material does not comply with Clean Water Act guidelines and concluded that the proposed project is contrary to the public interest."

Bristol Bay's fishermen agree with the Army Corps' conclusion and welcome the news that the Pebble Limited Partnership would not be allowed to move forward with its plans to build a massive open-pit mine in the headwaters of America's largest and most valuable wild salmon fishery. Fishermen view the Army Corps' decision as an encouraging step towards enacting permanent protections for Bristol Bay.

"Today Bristol Bay's residents and fishermen celebrate the news that Pebble's Permit has been denied; tomorrow we get back to work, asking the Environmental Protection Agency to reestablish protections for Bristol Bay under the Clean Water Act," said Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay Executive Director Katherine Carscallen. "We've learned the hard way over the last decade that Pebble is not truly dead until protections are finalized. We are looking to Senators Sullivan and Murkowski to work with us to restore certainty for Bristol Bay's 14,000 fishermen through full and durable protections for Bristol Bay. We also hope to see President-elect Biden hold true to his commitment to protect Bristol Bay and reestablishes Clean Water Act protections for America's greatest salmon fishery."

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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.