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Trefon Angasan, Community Outreach Contractor
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Subject: Pebble Mine

Dear Trefon:

First of all allow me to congratulate you and Northern Dynasty. You, for the wisdom and caring vision that you have for the people of Bristol Bay, to take on what may be the most challenging opportunity of your professional career. Please know that you have our support as you seek to help both the Bristol Bay Region and Northern Dynasty find the equitable balance of environmentally responsible development with "no net loss" to the wildlife habitats that have always sustained Rural Alaska.

I also congratulate Northern Dynasty in deciding to enter into this relationship with you. Not only can I not think of a better choice from Bristol Bay, in my opinion there is not a better choice in the State.

Please know that as the President of Alaska Village Initiatives, I support the environmentally sound development of the Pebble Mine, and further encourage the Bristol Bay Communities, Northern Dynasty and you to not settle for "no net loss" as the highest standard. Even before the mine begins its EIS, we know that the region has already suffered from depleted wildlife resources as part of a pattern occurring all over the State. We also know that there are federal resources currently missing in action that should be brought to bear to help restore and sustain those habitats to provide not only a subsistence resource, but also a surplus to be utilized as the local communities determine.

This is indeed a partnership between Alaska's rural communities and the investors of Northern Dynasty to find the very best way to develop the mine in an environmentally trustworthy manner. We believe that the federal government is also a partner to this process, in that they have the outstanding obligation and the duty to provide habitat and environmental restoration resources to Alaska Native Corporations that have been made available to America's other landowners. It is not equitable to saddle the mine and the communities to solve Alaska's wildlife habitat restoration costs without this critical federal support.

We look forward to working with you, your community and Northern Dynasty on this exciting project for the benefit of all of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Tom Harris
President/CEO