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**Native Village of South**  
**Naknek**

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**A Resolution in Support of Pebble Ltd. Partnership's Pebble Project**

**RESOLUTION 2008 - 09**

- Whereas, the Native Village of South Naknek is a federally recognized Tribe; and
- Whereas, the South Naknek Village Council is the governing body of the Native Village of South Naknek; and
- Whereas, the South Naknek Village depends solely on commercial harvesting and selling of all species of salmon and for the harvesting of all species of salmon for their subsistence needs; and
- Whereas, due to the price collapse in 1990 and resource crashes in the Kvichak for 18 out of the last 21 years, our residents have been forced to sell their permits to survive; and
- Whereas, once permits are sold, the communities lose their ability to make a living wage and cuts off the opportunities for the younger generation to take over family fishing operations; and
- Whereas, the loss of a permit in the village has had a devastating effect. Many residents who have marketable skills have migrated out of the region to find work. Those who are not able to are forced to remain and seek public assistance to pay for exorbitant costs for their basic needs like fuel, power, and water and sewer due to high transportation and power costs; and
- Whereas, it is the duty of the South Naknek Village Council to seek economic alternatives so that the residents could afford to remain in their communities and more importantly, provide alternative employment opportunities for our youth, who have been excluded from getting limited entry permits because they do not qualify because they do not have past participation in the fishery; and
- Whereas, the local economy would benefit from projects like the Pebble Limited Partnership project such as numerous opportunities for employment, training, and will allow local businesses to provide service and supplies to the company during the exploration and finally for the development phase of the project; and

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Whereas, the project could improve infrastructure, alternative ground transportation and lower the cost of fuel delivered to Bristol Bay; and

Whereas, our Village Council feels that the Pebble Limited Partnership is exercising due diligence in seeking a way to extract the minerals safely without harm to the environment; and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved,  
 the South Naknek Village Council on this 11<sup>th</sup> day in February, 2008 will wait and see if the mine feasibility study can pass the rigorous testing by the scientists by the National Environmental Policy Act mandates on permitting before it makes its decision to support or oppose the mine.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008, by the South Naknek Village Council,  
 With -0- opposed and 3 in favor.

Walter E. Wassillie  
 Walter E. Wassillie, Vice President

Attest:

Eva Nielsen-King  
 Eva Nielsen-King, Council Member  
 for Fred T. Angasan, Secretary/Treasurer