

# The right mine. The right time.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed development of the Pebble Deposit is complete. Along with the Record of Decision (ROD), it completes the federal portion of permitting. What does it show? That mining and salmon CAN coexist.

**1** The EIS concludes that salmon returns will not be affected.

Impacts to the salmon of Bristol Bay are not expected to be measurable (4.24-47), and **there would be no measurable change in the number of returning adult salmon** (ES 87).

**2** The EIS concludes that Bristol Bay fisheries will not be affected.

There will be **no long-term change to the health of the Bristol Bay commercial fisheries** (ES 87), and permit holder earnings, permit value, and crew earnings would be unaffected (4.6-18).

**3** The EIS concludes that habitat impacts will not be noticeable.

Impacts to anadromous and resident fish populations **would be expected to fall within the range of natural variability** (4.24-46), and there would be no change in genetic diversity (4.24-47).

## Why the Project is Safe

This is one of several fact sheets related to developing the Pebble Deposit. Read FAQs and more by visiting [www.PebbleUpdate.com](http://www.PebbleUpdate.com)



# Benefiting All Alaskans

The Pebble Deposit is one of the **most promising mineral deposits** in North America. At its core, the Deposit represents an immense opportunity to contribute to America's green energy initiatives and resource independence. It also has the potential to provide **infrastructure and quality jobs** in Southwest Alaska.

According to the EIS, communities near the mine site will likely see a beneficial impact of **higher employment rates** (ES 47), and will generate revenue for the **State of Alaska and for municipal governments** (4.3-11).

**Pebble will be a model of responsible mineral development.** We have intensely studied the **unique geology and ecosystems** of the Deposit area to understand the environmental characteristics, its natural rhythms, and regional socioeconomic conditions.



## Alaska's Proven Track Record

Alaska has one of the **most robust regulatory systems** in the world, and for good reason. More than any other state, Alaska depends on **responsible development of its natural resources** for its economic well-being.

### MOVING FORWARD WITH STATE PERMITTING

Because the EIS demonstrates that the plan to develop the Deposit **meets federal regulatory standards**, including those related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the **Project will now enter the state permitting process**, expected to be in review for approximately three years.

## Leading With Science

The EIS was led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with the support of **11 different entities serving as cooperating agencies**.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Coast Guard

Department of the Interior National Park Service

Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service

Department of the Interior Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement

Department of Transportation Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

State of Alaska (including Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Department of Fish & Game)

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