



February 13, 2023

Administrator Michael Regan  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20460

CC: Casey Sixkiller, EPA Region 10 Administrator

RE: Thank you for finalizing Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay

Dear Administrator Regan,

The undersigned entities, representing hundreds of thousands of businesses, hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, applaud your leadership in issuing a Final Determination for Bristol Bay under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act. We thank you for your persistence in making sure the people, fish, and fish-based industries of the region have safeguards against hard rock mining for generations to come.

As you know, it's been over a decade since Bristol Bay Tribes, recreational fishing groups and commercial fishermen came together to request Clean Water Act protections for the region from EPA. Throughout the process, over 4 million people have weighed in during comment periods in support of

404(c) protections being applied to Bristol Bay. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, people from diverse backgrounds, in Bristol Bay and across the country, came together once again to cheer and celebrate another layer of protections for the world-class fishery. With the Final Determination, Bristol Bay can remain at the top of bucket-list for hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts without the threat of Pebble Limited Partnership's most recent mine plan.

While we cheer this monumental win for Bristol Bay, we also know that the agency will likely face legal challenges by Pebble Limited Partnership and other entities who continue to advocate for a foreign mining company with a dangerous mine plan. We hope that EPA will defend the Final Determination in any future litigation that may arise as a result of the final decision.

Thank you again for championing Clean Water Act 404(c) protections for Bristol Bay. We look forward to supporting additional protections for the region to bolster EPA's work and ensure that Pebble, or another mining company, can never return to the headwaters of Bristol Bay.

Sincerely,

**Bristol Bay sportfishing and hunting businesses**

Alaska Alpine Adventures  
Dan Oberlatz  
Anchorage, AK

Alaska Salmon Camp  
Kent Anderson  
Dillingham, Alaska

Alaska Elite Outfitters  
Michael Vanstrom  
Ekwok, Alaska

Alaska Sportsman's Lodge  
Brian Kraft  
Igiugigg, Alaska

Alaska's Enchanted Lake Lodge  
Daren & Tracy Erickson  
King Salmon, Alaska

Alaska Wild River Guides  
John Jinishian  
Dillingham, Alaska

Alaska's Fishing Unlimited, Inc ,  
Martin Kviteng  
Port Alsworth, Alaska

Angler's Alibi  
John Perry  
King Salmon, Alaska

Alaska Fly Anglers, Inc  
John Hohl  
King Salmon and Kodiak, Alaska

Angry Eagle Lodge and Outfitters  
Derek Boschma  
Pedro Bay, Alaska

Alaska's Gold Creek Lodge  
Katherine Ellis  
King Salmon, Alaska

Alagnak Trophy Lodge  
Wayne McGee  
King Salmon, Alaska

Alaska Rainbow Adventures  
Paul Hansen  
Wasilla, Alaska

Bear Trail Lodge  
Heath and Nanci Lyon  
King Salmon, Alaska

Blue Fly  
Patricia Edel  
King Salmon, Alaska

Blue Mountain Lodge  
Tracy Vrem  
Becherof Lake, Alaska

Bristol Bay Lodge  
Brian Kraft  
Dillingham, Alaska

Bristol Bay Sportfishing and Adventures  
Jerry Jacques  
Iliamna, Alaska

Copper River Lodge  
Pat Vermillion  
Dillingham, Alaska

Crystal Creek Lodge  
Heather Oberholtzer  
King Salmon, Alaska

EPIC Angling & Adventure  
Rus & Carrie Schwausch

Frigate Adventure Travel  
Kate and Justin Crump  
King Salmon, Alaska

Frontier River Guides  
Marty Decker  
Anchorage, Alaska

Grizzly Skins of Alaska  
Phil Shoemaker, Rochelle Harrison, Tia  
Shoemaker  
Kejulik River, Alaska

Igiugig Lodge, LLC  
Brad & Brenda Waitman  
Igiugig, Alaska

Island Air Service  
Taj Shoemaker  
Kodiak, Alaska

Katmai Service Providers  
*Representing more than 50 business  
that operate in the Katmai/Bristol Bay region*  
Anchorage/Kodiak, AK

Kvichak Lodge  
Mike McDowell  
Igiugig, Alaska

Last Cast Lodge  
Indy & Stephanie Walton  
Igiugig, Alaska

No See Um Lodge  
John Holman  
Kvichak River, Alaska

Nushagak River Adventures Lodge  
Pete von Jess  
Portage Creek, Alaska

Royal Coachman Lodge  
Pat Vermillion  
Dillingham, Alaska

Royal Wolf Lodge  
Christ and Linda Branham  
King Salmon, Alaska

Sweetwater Travel  
Pat Vermillion  
Dillingham, Alaska

Wild Fly Pursuits  
Chuck Ash  
Anchorage, Alaska

## National hunting and fishing businesses and organizations

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Bozeman, Montana

American Sportfishing Association  
Connor Bevan  
Alexandria, Virginia

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers,  
John Gale  
Missoula, Montana

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Jeff Crane  
Washington, DC

Delta Waterfowl  
John Devney  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Fly Fishers International  
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Tallahassee, Florida

Grundens  
Ashley Williams  
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Houston, Texas

International Game Fish Association  
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Marine Fish Conservation Network  
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Orvis  
Simon Perkins  
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Trout Unlimited  
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