

The Pebble Mine: A Decade of Deception

For years, Pebble mine proponents repeatedly claimed to have forthcoming plans. In the end, these claims were empty promises – leading Alaskans to believe they'd start a public review process, when they were truthfully waiting for the political winds to change in their favor. In 2010, frustrated with Pebble's lies, Alaskans asked the EPA for help protecting their salmon, businesses and way of life. Throughout this time, the only thing stopping Pebble from the traditional review it claims to want was Pebble itself.

1.5 Million number of Americans who have expressed support for protecting Bristol Bay using 404(c)

4 Number of major mining companies that have walked away from the project

Northern Dynasty announces they expect **"completion in 2005 of permit applications."**¹

NDM claims that "a full permitting process for a port, access road, and open pit mine [were] all slated to begin in 2006."²

Pebble targets completion of a pre-feasibility study in December 2008, a feasibility study by 2011 and start of commercial production by 2015.³

Alaskans were assured that that "Pebble was on schedule to finalize a proposed development plan in 2009"... **and apply for permits in early 2010.**

CEO of Anglo American Mining Company, says they won't go where they're not wanted.

Pebble noted they were in the midst of "preparation to initiate state and federal permitting under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)" in 2010.⁶

Pebble CEO John Shively tells the Juneau Empire that Pebble is likely to **start preparing the Pebble Project for permitting in 2011**⁷

Pebble reports that "design process is nearing important milestones and that Pebble **intends to enter the permitting phase toward the end of 2012.**"⁸

Pebble about-faces and now claims, **"We have never even said that we're going to seek a permit. We may not."**¹²

Vice President of the Pebble Partnership told the State of Alaska House Resources Committee that **Pebble would have a mine plan out within a year, moving to permitting by early 2013.**¹³

Ron Thiessen, CEO of Northern Dynasty, stated to the International Business Times, **"We can permit this mine. There's no question."** "The heavy lifting is done and we have all of the data." Thiessen further stated that "Northern Dynasty will have permitting documentation done and **ready to file by the first quarter of 2014.**"¹⁴

Pebble's current website claims they are "working toward the goal of submitting our initial project description for permitting" and **"we're only just now preparing to apply for permits."**¹⁵



2001

Northern Dynasty Minerals acquires leases from Teck Cominco (which Cominco held since 1988).

2006

Northern Dynasty files preliminary water rights applications to use 35 billion gallons a water a year from three rivers.⁹

2007

Pebble Partnership officially formed with Anglo American.¹⁰

2010

Pebble fined for withdrawing water without a permit on 45 separate occasions.¹¹

2010

Anglo American withdraws from Pebble Partnership.

2013

Rio Tinto exits Pebble project, granting its shares to two state-based non profits.

2015

2010

Tribes, commercial fishermen, and many others file request to the EPA to initiate 404(c)

14,000 fish-based jobs in region

\$1.5 billion annual revenue brought in by fish-based economy

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