Dear Administrator Regan:

The undersigned entities, representing hundreds of thousands of businesses, hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, applaud your leadership and efforts to provide longstanding protection for the Bristol Bay fishery and the people who depend on it. We greatly support a strong and comprehensive Proposed Determination, and respectfully request that Clean Water Act 404c safeguards be finalized as quickly as possible. Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay would ensure that projects like the formerly proposed Pebble mine could not return, and that the hunting, fishing and outdoor heritage that is deeply valued in southwest Alaska can continue to thrive for generations to come.

The foundation of a successful business in this industry is clean water and access to streams and land that are still remote and wild. Bristol Bay rivers are some of the most sought-after fishing and hunting destinations in the world. Bristol Bay fishing and tourism industries account for more than 14,000 full and part-time jobs and contribute to a $2 billion annual fishing economy. Alongside the robust
sportfishing and hunting industry, bear viewing tourism is worth more than $35 million annually, and is also dependent on strong salmon runs to feed the highest concentration of brown bears on the planet. In 2021, the Bristol Bay sockeye salmon fishery reached an all-time record at 66.1 million fish running through the region. The 2022 salmon forecast is projected to exceed last year’s record.

Two years ago, outdoor businesses and organizations came together to request the key federal permit for the proposed Pebble mine be denied. As businesses and organizations that rely on Bristol Bay’s intact watershed, we have weighed in heavily and supported the local communities and hunting and fishing business owners who loudly and clearly said “no” to the formerly proposed Pebble mine for nearly two decades. Now, we stand behind local people once again in asking you to finalize Clean Water Act 404(c) safeguards to prevent Pebble – or another mining company – from returning to this region in the future.

Thank you again for your strong leadership on this issue and we look forward to weighing in and further supporting the advancement of Clean Water Act safeguards.

Respectfully,

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