TIME TO END THE MINING THREAT

For over a decade, the communities of Bristol Bay have called for the United States Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority under the Clean Water Act to create lasting protections for the region. Bristol Bay communities that rely on salmon have been most threatened by Pebble, and they have fought long and hard to stop the toxic project. Bristol Bay’s Tribes and fishermen are calling on President Biden and the EPA to veto Pebble and protect Bristol Bay through Clean Water Act 404(c) action.

TAKE ACTION @ utbb.org/public-comment TO PROTECT BRISTOL BAY, or hold your camera up to this QR code!
The Call to Protect Bristol Bay

At the end of 2020, Bristol Bay organizations released the “Call to Protect Bristol Bay,” a roadmap outlining true protections that will provide long-term certainty for those dependent on the region’s clean water and robust salmon runs. Our salmon runs not only feed Bristol Bay communities but they fuel a $2.1 billion fishing industry and provide seafood to the world.

The Call has two steps. First, the EPA must use section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to veto the Pebble Mine. No other approach can create an immediate safety net for those who depend on Bristol Bay. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency have all concluded that mining in the headwaters of the Nushagak and Kvichak rivers presents a clear danger to the productivity of Bristol Bay’s salmon runs. Yet, the agencies haven’t removed the long-term threat. The EPA must start its veto process immediately.

Second, the Call outlines the importance of Congress in protecting Bristol Bay for the long term. It urges Congressional legislation to prevent toxic mines like Pebble now and into the future to protect the watersheds of Bristol Bay in perpetuity.

It is time to permanently protect Bristol Bay so it can continue to sustain our cultures, communities, and economy—while supplying healthy, sustainable food to people around the world.

What You Can Do!

1. **Take action by making a call or signing a letter to EPA!** Sign a letter at utbb.org/public-comment or hold your camera up to the QR code above!
2. Protecting Bristol Bay will require the help of Congress – **Call & Write your elected officials** to ask them to support EPA’s initiation of the 404(c) process in Bristol Bay immediately!
3. **Write letters to your editor** - even small local papers are read by our elected officials, and prospective investors read the news as well. They all need to hear how widespread and dedicated the opposition to this mine really is. Don’t forget to share your published letter with us!
4. **Paint your favorite gear, boat, or accessories with a “Stop Pebble Mine” stencil!** Get in touch with UTBB/CFBB staff at 907-843-2623 to get more info. Don’t forget to share a pic on social media and send your favorite pics or videos to photos@fishermenforbristolbay.org to be featured and help tell our story!
5. **Be vocal everywhere you can!** Amplify your actions on social media and follow us to stay up to date. Facebook @UnitedTribesBB & @FishermenForBristolBay Instagram: @unitedtribesofbristolbay & @Fishermen4BristolBay
6. **DONATE!** Please consider supporting the critical work to protect Bristol Bay! Any and all donations appreciated! To donate please visit: utbb.org/donate or call 907-842-1687.