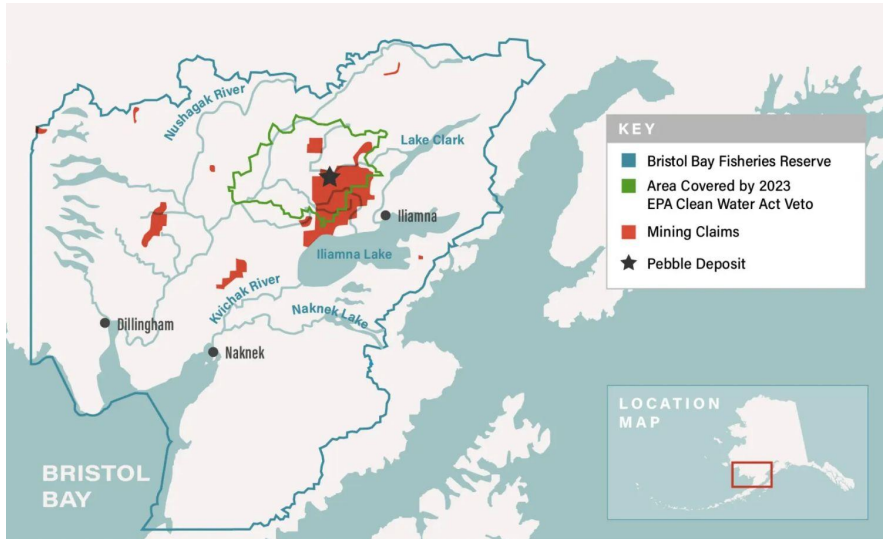




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Summer Updates

Bristol Bay Forever Act Introduced!



In 2025, a new bill was introduced in the state legislature that, if passed, would protect Bristol Bay by banning Pebble and 20+ other existing metallic sulfide mining claims within the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve. The Reserve was established by the Alaska Legislature with Governor Jay Hammond's leadership in 1972 to protect



salmon, and currently prohibits oil and gas development without legislative approval. This bill would expand needed protections from other mining claims and the uncertainty of litigation challenging the EPA protections that stopped the Pebble Mine. The bill will be automatically taken back up when the legislature resumes in Jan. 2026. Scan the QR code below to visit our website and find out more about the bill.

Upcoming Events

Fishtival

Find UTBB and CFBB
at Fishtival in Naknek.
Exact dates TBD

Salmonfest

CFBB will attend the
music festival
Ninilchik, Aug. 1-3

Wild Salmon Day

Stay tuned for event
details on UTBB's social
media. Aug. 10



This spring, UTBB was pleased to host events honoring two of our founding board members in celebration of their lifelong dedication to protecting Bristol Bay's fisheries, people and ways of life.

*Left: Luki Akelkok Sr., Ekwok Village Council;
Herman Nelson Sr., New Koliganek Village Council*

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Bristol Bay Sustainability Summit will be back in 2026!

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The Sustainability Summit is an opportunity to advance the Bristol Bay regional vision by working together to advance locally-driven solutions toward the sustainability of Bristol Bay communities.

The next Bristol Bay Sustainability Summit will take place in October 2026!

In the meantime, visit our website to find videos and resources from past summits.



Attendees at the 2024 Sustainability Summit connect to discuss solutions to local issues.

Your Support Matters!

See how you can help support our cause by scanning the link here:



Curyugmuit Yup'ik Dancers at the 2025 Beaver Round Up Traditional Foods Feast

Nuyakuk Hydro Update

Over 50 Bristol Bay individuals and organizations weighed in on the studies Nushagak Cooperative completed over the last two years about the potential Nuyakuk Falls hydroelectric project. Since then, the Cooperative has responded to comments. UTBB's staff and technical experts were disappointed in the Cooperative's dismissal of concerns many shared about inadequate studies and the projected potential impacts to fisheries. The current, "pre-licensing"

phase is when information is gathered about potential impacts and benefits of the proposed project. The upcoming "licensing phase" is where decisions about the project are made based on the information gathered in pre-licensing. The federal licensing agency requested the Nushagak Cooperative complete more studies, but the Cooperative has yet to announce if or when it will move forward. UTBB will continue to engage in the process. Visit utbb.org/blog to learn more.



Since the potential benefits and impacts of the proposal are still being studied, UTBB does not support or oppose Nuyakuk Hydro. To uphold our commitment to protect fish habitat and our subsistence ways of life, at this stage we are actively reviewing the studies, advocating for public and Tribal engagement, and a transparent and thorough review.