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Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

Please don't let this happen. We need to do everything possible to protect this land for Native communities and the wildlife. This must be stopped!

I write in support of the communities of Alaska's Bristol Bay and ask you not to withdraw the proposed determination to adopt restrictions protecting the habitat of Bristol Bay's world-renowned salmon.

The proposed determination was made at the request of local communities and adopted only after years of rigorous scientific study, public participation and peer review. The EPA was correct in 2014 when it found that the Pebble Mine would have "significant and unacceptable adverse effects" on "one of the most productive, pristine, valuable and vulnerable ecosystems remaining in North America today."

The EPA has noted that commercial fishing in Bristol Bay generates \$300 million annually in direct sales of commercially caught salmon, generating 11,000 jobs. These salmon support not only the commercial and sportfishing industries, but a traditional Native way of life that has endured for millennia and thrives today.

The EPA should stand by its proposed determination and take all necessary actions to protect the Bristol Bay watershed.

Sincerely,

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