

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EPA'S USE OF AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 404(c) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT TO PROTECT BRISTOL BAY

Whereas, Dillingham is located at the mouth of the Nushagak River and within the Nushagak/Mulchatna watershed; and

Whereas, Dillingham is critically dependent upon our renewable resources for commercial, sport and subsistence activities, especially our wild salmon resources; and

Whereas, all residents of the Bristol Bay region depend upon salmon both as a major food resource and for their economic livelihood; and

Whereas, Dillingham will be impacted by degraded water quality in the upper drainage, including the Koktuli River; and

Whereas, the City of Dillingham adopted Resolution 2006-21 to oppose large scale mining and the proposed Pebble copper/gold mine in the Bristol Bay Region; and

Whereas, the position of the City of Dillingham has not changed; and

Whereas, the State of Alaska permitting process does not provide adequate avenues for meaningful participation by our residents; and

Whereas, the State of Alaska has failed to provide an opportunity for our meaningful participation and protection of the resources upon which we depend; and

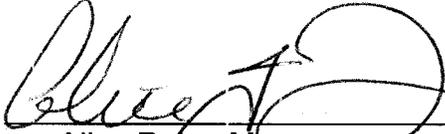
Whereas, the City of Dillingham supported the request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action under the Clean Water Act Section 404(c); and

Whereas, the EPA process has been open and inclusive, allowing all stakeholders to be engaged; and

Whereas, after undertaking a three-year comprehensive study of available science, including extensive materials provided by Northern Dynasty Minerals and Pebble Limited Partnership, the EPA Region 10 concluded that the Pebble Mine would have significant and potentially catastrophic impacts on the watershed and its salmon;

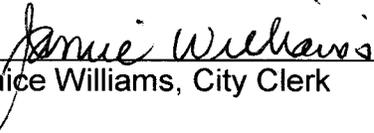
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council, on behalf of the community of Dillingham, supports the Proposed Determination and requests that the EPA move forward and use its authority under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on September 4, 2014.



Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice Williams, City Clerk

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