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Biden administration to restart process to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay

Washington — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [announced](#) its intention to reverse the Trump administration's withdrawal of proposed protections for the Bristol Bay watershed and restart the administrative process under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act.

For more information, you can [visit the EPA's Bristol Bay site here](#).

Statement by Kristen Miller, Acting Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League:

"Placing a massive mine at the headwaters of the world's greatest, most productive wild sockeye salmon fishery has been a terrible idea from the start, and today's administrative decision and its commitment to following science and protecting clean water is directly attributable to the decades-long, Tribal-led effort to protect Bristol Bay. We're glad to see EPA embrace its responsibility to protect Bristol Bay and the people who rely on it.

"Bristol Bay provides more than 50 percent of the global supply of sockeye salmon, is crucial to sustaining the region's Indigenous peoples, and is one of the premier destinations for sportsmen in the nation. We're thankful those voices have been heard and that all those that depend on a healthy Bristol Bay can rest easier. It's time EPA vetoes the Pebble Mine once and for all."

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Alaska Wilderness League stands with, serves and supports the many people and organizations that believe in a sustainable future for Alaska. We honor and respect the cultures of Alaska Natives whose way of life remains deeply connected to the state's land, waters and wildlife. We believe that Alaska's long-term economic future and subsistence traditions are inexorably tied to the health and sound stewardship of its natural resources, which support hunting, fishing, tourism, and unrivaled outdoor experiences that are central to Alaskans' quality of life.



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