

RESOLUTION 19-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to analyze the impacts of permitting dredge and/or fill materials discharge as part of the open pit mine proposed by the Pebble Limited Partnership, and

WHEREAS, the comment period for the DEIS began March 1, 2019 and ends July 1, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the alternatives considered in the DEIS are the proposed open pit mine with several variations for the transportation corridor and pipeline route, and the No Action alternative, and

WHEREAS, the potential impacts of the proposed mine to communities and fishermen of the Aleutians East Borough are not fully analyzed, if at all, in the DEIS, and

WHEREAS, the possibility of a proposed project mine tailings storage facility failure cannot be eliminated and would be devastating to salmon habitat in Bristol Bay, and

WHEREAS, any harmful impacts to Bristol Bay sockeye salmon habitat will negatively impact Aleutians East Borough residents and fishermen, and

WHEREAS, the only alternative presented in the DEIS for the proposed Pebble project that will have zero impacts on Aleutians East Borough fishermen and fisheries is the No Action alternative.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly is opposed to the Pebble Mine project as proposed and suggest that the USACE incorporate impacts and mitigation to AEB communities in the final EIS, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the project proposers cannot guarantee zero negative impacts from the project to AEB communities and fisheries, the AEB Assembly recommends that the USACE should issue a final record of decision denying the project application.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 23rd day of May 2019.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk