

2017 EPA Headquarters Bristol Bay Meetings/Events for Docket EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369

Meeting/Event	Date	Location	Organizations/Groups Represented	Discussion Summary / Topics
Tom Collier and Darrin Munoz	May 1, 2017	EPA Headquarters, Washington DC	Pebble Limited Partnership	Discussion included Pebble's concerns regarding the 2014 Proposed Determination. The Administrator responded that any potential deviation from proper process were and would continue to be reviewed and addressed appropriately.
Peter Robertson and Tom Collier	July 10, 2017	Phone	Pebble Limited Partnership	PLP called to confirm that EPA was on track to initiate a proposal to withdraw the Proposed Determination and that the "initiation" would be publicly known. EPA confirmed both and stated that they would endeavor to update PLP regarding the action.
Alan Mintz	September 13, 2017	EPA Headquarters, Washington DC	Partner of Van Ness Feldman, LLP, and registered lobbyist for client Pebble Limited Partnership	Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Water, and Mintz have worked on common issues for many years – this meeting was an opportunity for them to catch up with each other. EPA's involvement in Bristol Bay was neither the purpose of the meeting nor its focus. The two briefly discussed the proposed Pebble mine and the history of the EPA's review of the watershed under section 404(c). Mintz suggested that he felt the process used by the previous Administration was fundamentally flawed, and Forsgren indicated that the new Administration intends to review the matter.
Peter Robertson	September 21, 2017	EPA Headquarters, Washington DC	Pebble Limited Partnership	Robertson described PLP's status for identifying a partner, adjusting the mine plan, and submitting a permit application. EPA confirmed that it was still in the process of the proposal to withdraw the Proposed Determination, and no decision had been made. EPA stated that they will proceed through the regulatory process in its normal sequence.
Robin Samuelson (1), Norm Van Vactor (2), Matthew Paxton (3)	October 31, 2017	EPA Headquarters, Washington DC	Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (1, 2) and Adams and Reese LLP (3)	Discussion included the potential impacts of a proposed Pebble mine on fisheries resources in the Bristol Bay region. The Administrator reiterated that his initial actions on the withdrawal were about due process and that they do not signal how the Agency might come out on any permit action. BBEDC proposed that EPA suspend the existing process where it is now and give PLP an opportunity to submit their application.