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**BUSINESSES FOR  
BRISTOL BAY**



The Conservation Alliance

September 9, 2024

RE: Support the Bristol Bay Protection Act

Dear U.S. House Representatives:

On May 1, Rep. Mary Peltola of Alaska introduced the Bristol Bay Protection Act. As a broad coalition of businesses — from Alaska and across the nation — our businesses represent concerned industries such as seafood harvesters and processors, recreational fishing and hunting lodges and guides, tourism, supermarkets and grocery stores, chefs and restaurants, outdoor recreation product manufacturers, artists, and more. Together, we have long advocated for protections for Bristol Bay's headwaters from the proposed Pebble Mine, and we supported the entire process whereby the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) used the Clean Water Act to secure the very protections that this bill seeks to enact into law.

The Bristol Bay fishery is not just a source of wild salmon but is also a significant contributor to the nation's economy. It provides a staggering \$2.2 billion annually to the nation's economy and supports over 15,000 jobs. For every fishing and processing job created in the region, three jobs in other industries are created. The economic impact of Bristol Bay's salmon is not confined to the region, as for every dollar generated in Bristol Bay, another \$1.27 is generated elsewhere in the state. This thriving economy is a testament to the value of the salmon in its waters, and the economic impact extends far beyond the Bristol Bay region.

The tens of millions of salmon that come from the Bay each year also create jobs and fuel the nation's economy through the restaurant and grocery industries. Sockeye salmon are the most economically important salmon, with half of the world's sockeye salmon coming from the region. The largest harvest of sockeye salmon in the world occurs in the Bristol Bay area of southwestern Alaska, where, over the last 20 years, nearly 32 million sockeye salmon may be caught on average each year. The millions of portions of salmon that come from the region are prized and relied upon by restaurants, retailers and consumers across the country. Anglers, hunters, and outdoor enthusiasts from across the globe travel to Bristol Bay to partake in the unparalleled experiences to be found in its

wild and pristine landscapes. Local guides, lodges, tour companies and companies that produce outdoor gear make sales to adventurers headed for the region.

We are committed to securing lasting protections for Bristol Bay's headwaters. This region is not now, and never will be, an appropriate location for large-scale mining. We urge our members of Congress to support the Bristol Bay Protection Act. Your support is crucial in ensuring the preservation of this vital resource. We stand ready to help advance this important piece of legislation and encourage you to join us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Brea, CA

Adamsbuilt Fishing  
Fallon, NV

AdventureKeen  
Birmingham, AL

AFFTA Fisheries Fund  
Bozeman, MT

Alaska Alpine Adventures  
Anchorage, AK

Alaska Fly Anglers, Inc.  
Soldotna, AK

Alaska Fly Fishing Goods  
Juneau, AK

Alaska Salmon Camp, Inc.  
Dillingham, AK

Alaska Sportsman's Lodge  
Igiugig, AK

Alaska Wild Caught Seafood, Inc.  
Glenwood Springs, CO

Alpacka Raft  
Mancos, CO

American Fly Fishing Trade Assoc.  
Chico, CA

ATA Lodge  
King Salmon, AK

Atmos Financial  
San Francisco, CA

Backbone Media  
Carbondale, CO

Bajio  
New Smyrna Beach, FL

Baranof Wilderness Lodge  
Sitka, AK

Bauer Fly Reel  
Twin Bridges, MT

Bear Trail Lodge  
King Salmon, AK

Belinda Sanda Sales  
Redding, CA

Beluga Air, LLC  
Homer, AK

Bergreen Photography  
Evergreen, CO

Beyond Boundaries Expeditions  
Sitka, AK

Black Diamond Equipment  
Park City, UT

Blue Mountain Lodge  
Eagle River, AK

Bonfire Collective  
Golden, CO

Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Dev. Assoc.  
Seattle, WA

CD Fishing USA  
Missoula, MT

Chaco  
Grand Rapids, MI

Cheeky Fishing  
North Adams, MA

Coal Point Seafood Company  
Homer, AK

Cohen Software Consulting, Inc.  
Palo Alto, CA

Copper River Lodge  
Livingston, MT

Costa del Mar  
Jupiter, FL

Devil's Foot Beverage Company  
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Duke's Seafood Restaurants  
Seattle, WA

Durango Compost Company  
Durango, CO

Eagle Creek  
Steamboat Springs, CO

Eighty2degrees, LLC  
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Eleven Experience  
Rexburg, ID

Emerger Strategies  
Charleston, SC

Engaged Coaching  
Bend, OR

Engagious, Inc.  
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Environmental Entrepreneurs  
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Austin, TX

FishHound Expeditions  
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Fishpond, Inc.  
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Somerset, PA

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Ashland, OR

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Bend, OR

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Greys  
Columbia, SC

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Poulsbo, WA

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Highlands Ranch, CO

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Healthy Oceans Seafood Company  
Santa Cruz, CA

Fish the Nush, LLC  
Apex, NC

Fishing Bear Lodge  
Dillingham, AK

Flickr  
Mountain View, CA

The Fly Shop  
Redding, CA

Flylab  
Boulder, CO

The Forest Group  
Lotus, CA

Graveyard Fish Company  
Twisp, WA

Gray's Sporting Journal  
Augusta, GA

Grizzly Skins of Alaska  
Kodiak, AK

GU Energy Labs  
Berkeley, CA

Handprint  
Seattle, WA

Harvest of Peace  
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HGB Fly Fishing  
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Austin, TX

IPA Connect, LLC  
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Gresham, OR

Klean Kanteen  
Chico, CA

Loon Outdoors  
Ashland, OR

Mayfly Outdoors  
Montrose, CO

Minnow America, LLC  
New York, NY

North American Climate,  
Conservation, and Environment  
Roosevelt, NY

One Fish Foundation  
Yarmouth, ME

Orvis  
Sunderland, VT

Pacific Watch Company  
Camas, WA

Patagonia  
Ventura, CA

Hunting Life Media  
Lincoln, NE

James' Solar  
Davis, CA

Juniper Ridge  
Oakland, CA

The Lodge at 58 North  
King Salmon, AK

Marine Fish Conservation Network  
Arlington, VA

MeatEater  
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Nautilus Reels  
Miami, FL

Okuma Fishing Tackle Corporation  
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Oregon Pack Works  
Bend, OR

Pachner & Associates, LLC  
Keene, NY

Painter Creek Lodge  
Pilot Point, AK

Peak Design  
San Francisco, CA

Poncho Outdoors  
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Big Sky, MT

Royal Coachman Lodge  
Livingston, MT

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Samuels & Son Seafood Company  
Philadelphia, PA

Scott Fly Rod Company  
Montrose, CO

Sea to Summit  
Broomfield, CO

Shar Snacks  
Austin, TX

Simms Fishing  
Bozeman, MT

St. Croix Rods  
Park Falls, WI

Stio  
Jackson, WY

Sweetwater Travel Company  
Livingston, MT

Rajeff Sports  
Vancouver, WA

Resiliensea Group, LLC  
Sammamish, WA

Rootwing Fitness, LLC  
College Place, WA

Royal Robbins  
Louisville, CO

Salmon & Steelhead Journal  
Portland, OR

Schoenborn Consulting  
Columbus, MT

Sea Forager  
Moss Beach, CA

Seek Outside  
Grand Junction, CO

Shift Group  
Brooklyn, NY

Skwala Fishing  
Bozeman, MT

A.L. Steiner Art  
Cornwallville, NY

Superfeet  
Ferndale, WA

Swen Products / Swen-Saw  
Minneapolis, MN

Tide Loose Sport Fishing  
Southampton, NJ

Toad & Co.  
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Treasure Hunter Lodge  
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Durango, CO

Wild Fly Pursuits  
Anchorage, AK

R.L. Winston Rod Company  
Twin Bridges, MT

Yellow Dog Flyfishing  
Bozeman, MT

Tightline Studio  
Boise, ID

Tread Labs  
Woburn, MA

TripOutside  
Durango, CO

Untracked Alaska  
Dillingham, AK

Vedavoo  
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Whole Foods Market  
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