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Lee,

Thanks again for meeting with Tom Collier and me when Tom was here two weeks ago. We appreciated your making yourself available and your willingness to listen to our ongoing concerns.

As Tom and I have talked about our meetings in Washington, one of the issues that has come up is a continuing concern on our part about the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. You, and others with whom we have spoken in EPA and at other agencies, were not with the Agency when the BBWA was being drafted and completed. I suspect you have certainly not read the voluminous comments that we submitted, addressing concerns with both the substance of the Assessment and the process by which it was prepared. Those concerns are every bit as important today as they were when the BBWA came out, because the Agency is obviously still relying to a significant degree on the BBWA to make decisions regarding Pebble (as evidenced by the concerns about the risk of a mine as enunciated in the decision not to withdraw the Proposed Determination).

Tom would appreciate the opportunity to brief you, along with others in the Agency and perhaps representatives from other agencies involved in this process as well. He is out of the country now, but will be back in country and in Washington DC on Friday, March 9. He might also be in Washington during the following week.

If that timing doesn't work, we could almost certainly do this as a conference call (perhaps as a webinar with some slides as well). That may be the easiest way to do it and to involve people in other offices at EPA and in other agencies.

Please let me know if you have the time and inclination to hear our concerns. We believe that understanding them is crucial to making informed decisions. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Best,

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