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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 18-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
PROVIDING SCOPING COMMENTS ON THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS REGULATORY DIVISION PERMIT APPLICATION POA-
2017-271 FOR THE PROPOSED PEBBLE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division (Corps) received an application from the Pebble Limited Partnership for the discharge of fill material into and to perform work within waters of the United States for the proposed Pebble Project, and identifies the permit application as POA-2017-271; and

WHEREAS, the Corps has determined that it will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate of the Department of the Army permit application; and

WHEREAS, the Corps is accepting public scoping comments from April 1 through June 29, 2018 and held scoping meetings in potentially affected communities, including Homer, during April 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, submits the following scoping comments on Corps Regulatory Division permit application POA-2017-271 for the proposed Pebble Project and asks the Corps to consider them in preparation of its EIS.

- Evaluate an alternative port site to Amakdedori Bay because of the ecological sensitivity of the proposed site and the effect this site could have on the livelihoods of Homer area residents.
- Evaluate alternative fuels and fuel sources for the mine power plant that would alleviate the need for a subsea pipeline because of the potential long term consequences of subsea pipelines on the environment and the effect this could have on the future economy of the Homer area.
- Assess the potential effects of fuel usage by the Pebble Project on fuel availability for Homer and surrounding areas.
- Analyze the ways in which Homer area infrastructure may be used during construction and operation of the proposed Pebble Project. This may include Homer's port and harbor, barge basin, other vessel facilities and marine trades, the Homer airport and air services, the Sterling Highway and other roads, and other infrastructure.
- Assess vessel traffic in Kachemak Bay and lower Cook Inlet generated from construction and operation of the Pebble Project and the potential for and effects of hazardous materials spills in these waters.

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- Evaluate how the Pebble Project may affect fisheries in Bristol Bay and lower Cook Inlet and how effects to the fisheries may affect the Homer economy. Many Homer area residents rely on commercial and marine sport fisheries for their livelihoods, including in the waters of lower Cook Inlet (inclusive of all bays and connected waters) and Bristol Bay; and fishing is an economic base for the City of Homer.
 - Assess how these businesses may be affected by construction and operation of a port, road, and ferry across Iliamna Lake. Air based tourism, including activities such as bear viewing, remote fishing, and hunting, is a growing part of Homer's economy.
 - Evaluate employment factors on the southern Kenai Peninsula. Employment factors include the potential for "local hire" during construction and operation of the Pebble Project and the question of whether potential workers on the southern Kenai Peninsula have the skills needed for employment with the Pebble Project. Additional factors include the possibility that non-local construction workers and operations employees and their families might moving to the southern Kenai Peninsula temporarily or permanently, and for move to the southern Kenai Peninsula in the hopes of gaining employment associated with the Pebble Project temporarily or permanently. Include an analysis of secondary and induced employment affects not directly associated with the Pebble Project.
 - Analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative socio-economic effects of the Pebble Project on the Homer area. How might a population change affect local wages, local businesses, housing costs, the costs of goods and services, potential for economic expansion, schools, community cohesion, the culture and social fabric of Homer, and other socio-economic factors? The analysis should take into account many of the current socio-economic issues facing Homer such as affordability, the reasons people live in Homer and the southern Kenai Peninsula currently, addiction, homelessness, crime, population age structure, the number of second homes, and other factors.
 - Evaluate full development scenarios for the Pebble Project and other mining operations in the area and how these scenarios may directly, indirectly, and cumulatively affect each of the above issues for the Homer area and lower Cook Inlet.
 - Assess mine closure and related socio-economic changes to Homer and the southern Kenai Peninsula that could occur at the end of the construction phase, when the number of workers will decrease significantly, and at mine closure.

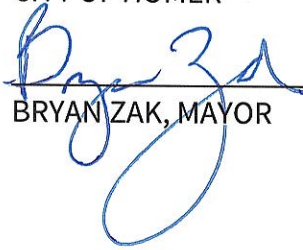
84 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of May, 2018.

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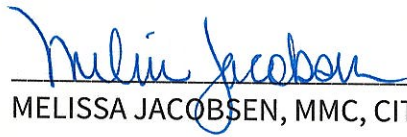
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BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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Fiscal note: NA

