



Pebble Mine and Bristol Bay

By Arnold Leder

As wild salmon disappear around the globe, Bristol Bay continues to produce the world's largest sockeye salmon fisheries and one of the largest king salmon runs. The reason for this is clear - Bristol Bay's freshwater salmon habitat is largely untouched by development and millions of salmon continue to return to Bristol Bay each year. However, the bay is under threat from foreign mining corporations that want to turn the watershed into an industrial mining district. North America's largest open-pit mine is proposed for an area that straddles two of the bay's most important salmon streams.

The Bristol Bay watershed is a pristine region woven with rivers and punctuated by mountain peaks. The headwaters, encompassing over 2 million acres, are the lifeblood of America's largest remaining wild salmon populations. The sport, commercial and subsistence fishing in this area contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the local economy and provides thousands of jobs. This bountiful, yet delicate system is threatened by the proposed development of one of the largest open pit mines in the world - the Pebble Mine.

The headwaters includes eight major river systems; the Naknek, Kvichak, Egegik, Ugashik, Wood,

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Eagle Project in UP Challenged in Michigan Courts

The Eagle Project on the Yellow Dog Plains in Upper Michigan near the town of Big Bay is the nickel/copper prospect of Kennecott Eagle Minerals Corp., a subsidiary of Rio Tinto, Ltd. Of London. Although the necessary state mining permits have been obtained, these permits are being challenged in the State Court of Appeals. In 2010, the Rio Tinto board of directors voted to invest \$469 million in the mine, a large sum, but a pittance compared with the \$10-\$20 billion worth of ore they believe is there.

The mine will be dug directly under the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River, one of Michigan's best

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Above is a photo of the Eagle Project on the Yellow Dog Plains in Upper Michigan near the town of Big Bay.

Future Meetings and Events

Go to your 2010 calendar and mark down the following meeting and event dates:

March 5-6

Great Outdoors Show, Woodstock, IL

March 9

Directors' Meeting

March 15

4th Annual Driftless Stream Restoration Symposium, La Crosse, WI

March 16

Chapter Meeting, OBPD Recreation Center, Tying flies for kids and Fly Fishing Destinations

March 19-20

OBTU Appreciaition Days at Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters

March 26-27

TUDARE Stream Restoration Project Planning Workshop, Living Waters Bible Camp, Westby, WI

April 13

Directors' Meeting

April 11-12

Dean Hansen's entomology presentations to TIC schools

April 20

Chapter Meeting, OBPD Recreation Center, Speaker: Jon Christensen, Chairman of TU's Board of Trustees.

April 29

Riverside Brookfield HS TIC release day, Kinnikinnick Creek, Roscoe, IL

April 30

Scout FF Merit Badge class, Max McGraw Foundation, Elgin, IL.

April 30

Black Earth Creek Easement Maintenance, WI.

Letter from the President

Dear Fellow TU Members,

The deep winter snows are melted away and most of us are looking forward to another season on the water, having most probably neglected all those pre-season preparations for getting out on the stream or pond. Those waders never seem to get patched and the fly boxes await the eve of opening day to be filled. Horrors that we might even have to break down and buy some of those foreign tied flies.

Of course, some of us have already broken the ice, viz, Arnie and Stan, under Kevin Feenstra's tutelage last January, followed by Dave Hilvers and Dr. John Ross sallying forth in the snows of northeast Iowa to have a dynamite day of trout fishing. Jim Bartelt's Collins Soft Hackle Sow Bug provided the fire in the hole. David and John were living testimonials at our last chapter meeting to Jim's guiding prowess and the power of his simple flies. Jim Bartelt, incidentally, gave us a great day tying remarkably simple flies that do catch trout followed by probably one of the best presentations on the Driftless area and its fishing that I've seen to date. The meeting was well attended, but more of our lot, I'm sure, would have thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Special thanks go out to Laura Andersen, Ann Berg, Wally Bock, Ernie Brevik, Sam Cefaratti, Claire Cekander, Dan Cekander, Fred Hodge, Arnie Leder, Ed Michael, Emily Rabourn, John Snyder, Marvin Strauch, Mark Vandlik, Sr., Emily Verticchio, Phil Young, and Stan Zarnowiecki for working the ILCTU booth at America's Outdoor show. Darwin Adams and Barry Coddens of GBTU, among others, also did a lion's share of the work in the booth. Although the show won't be

back again next year, at least under its present owner, with regard to kids, it was a huge success on the week-end. We could have used even more fly tyers and casters. The week-end was tiring work for those TU volunteers, but it made a real difference with those kids and their parents. The kids lined up all day with their ticket to tie!

Plenty of Volunteerism is in this year's grist mill: Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Classes, TIC release days, joint OBTU Riverside Brookfield HS fishing club programs, Orvis OBTU trout 101/201, the OBTU Fly Fishing Skills Day, and workdays at Paradise Springs, on the Coldwater in Michigan and on Seas Branch at Viroqua. Also don't forget to support the Driftless TUDARE Spring outing at Viroqua this May. Anyone interested in supporting DRIFT's Project Healing Waters Program at Hines Hospital, please call me at 630-986-1310.

Our April chapter will bring Jon Christiansen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited, speaking to us about the state of TU on the National level. One of TU's major concerns is the havoc which certainly will come from the Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. Read Arnie's article on the Pebble together with the piece by Kristi Mills in this issue and reacquaint yourself with the pending horror expected from both these enterprises. Funny how Rio Tinto and Kennecott enter the vocabulary of potential disasters in both Alaska and our UP! Once again corporate bags heavy with gold will be weighed in our courts against the weight of citizen concern. It's going to be a tough fight!

Greg



March 16th Membership Meeting

The March 16th membership meeting of Oak Brook Chapter TU brings a return to one of our traditional Spring meeting topics – the Destination & Fly Tying Night. This year, as in the past, we will invite OBTU members to discuss the fishing opportunities in their favorite angling areas. Time to dig out the maps, and look at some favorite hot flies.

For a little change this year, we want to invite you all to bring your vices, tools and materials. We'll all spend some time tying flies for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge classes. The kids can sure go through flies pretty quickly. Soft hackles, foam bugs, bead heads, elk hair caddis, and very small wooley buggers work well, and are easy to tie.

Plan to attend a fun and unstructured meeting night. ■

Wanted Position

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Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program 2011

By Marvin Strauch, Youth Education Chair

The first casting instruction session has been completed and 16 scouts now eagerly move to the Club Pond at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation to hunt bluegills. The OBTU volunteers have their hands full, tying on flies, untangling leaders, tying on flies, pointing out the fish, tying on flies, providing casting tips... tying on flies. The look of excitement when one of the boys or girls catches their first, fly-caught fish is, as they say, is worth a 100 words.



This year, Oak Brook Chapter TU will conduct its 7th year of Fly Fishing Merit Badge classes. Eight years ago, Phil Young came to a meeting and asked, "Why don't we do anything for kids?" And from there, he took the reins of the program, promoting it both

to OBTU members, but especially to Boy Scout troops in the western suburbs. It has been a consistently successful program, having taught fly fishing to hundreds of Boy Scouts, and for the last two years, Girl Scouts. Our program is designed to give an overview of fly fishing – the equipment, flies, and basic techniques, as well as basic casting, fly tying and knot tying. We also bring outdoor safety, Illinois fishing regulations, and of course, the message of Trout Unlimited to the scouts.

Last year, we were thrilled when the staff and management of Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation allowed us to move the program to

their property in Dundee, Illinois. We are grateful to McGraw for the use of their grounds, as it not only allows us ample room to conduct the program, but ponds full of willing panfish and bass for our new anglers.

This year, our program dates are: April 30, June 4, July 9, August 20, and September 10. These are Saturdays, and the program runs from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Over the years, the support of Oak Brook TU members, who have provided their time, donated equipment, and of course, a few flies and tippet, has been crucial to the success of this program. We are grateful to all our volunteers. Passing your knowledge the outdoors on to young people is a rewarding experience – both for the teacher and the student.

If you can help out, we welcome all volunteers, and all skill levels. As well, if you know of a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop that may be interested in the program, please talk to them or give us a contact name. ■



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April Speaker

Jon P. Christiansen

The state of Trout Unlimited



Mr. Christiansen is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited. As a TU board of trustees' member he helped formulate the strategic plans for TU in '03 and '07. He has held the post of president of Southeastern Wisconsin TU and chaired Wisconsin's state TU council. Jon knows what Trout Unlimited is all about!

Jon's presentation will be on the subject of the "State of TU" nationally and he will show the reach of the organization across the entire United States. It will be a very impressive description of the power of our members and of the national staff.

This is a rare opportunity to hear the viewpoint of a national officer of our organization. His description of what TU does outside of our area will be insightful.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 20th, and make sure you don't miss this presentation.

You can visit www.obtu.org for directions on the location of the meeting. ■

Jim Bartelt Day at Oakbrook Trout Unlimited

The Wednesday morning started out with Jim Bartelt and eleven members of our chapter enjoying a fly tying instruction class. You can read more about what we did from Ann Berg, one of the attendees.

Later, at the monthly meeting, over thirty guests enjoyed the presentation given by Jim, an interesting program about fishing the driftless area of southwest Wisconsin. Jim is a fly fishing guide there and



knows the waters well. He had pictures of where a lot of the streams that we fish originate. Some come from small rivulets on hillsides and some just start bubbling out of the ground in some farmer's field. His talk also included instruction on how he rigs up to fish. He

fishes a lot with nymphs and he believes in getting the fly down to the fish, quickly. He uses long leaders and small strike indicators, usually with two flies. His fly patterns are well tested, easy to tie and durable. We are lucky to have such a wealth of information about the driftless

area so close to home. Jim Bartelt is just one of many other guides that can assist us in learning how to fish this area. Visit Jim's website at www.springcreekspecialties.com for more information. ■

Oak Brook Trout Unlimited Guest Fly Tyer: Jim Bartelt

By Ann Berg

What a class! Jim is a great instructor, very knowable about the subject. He shared background of the development of the flies, and when and where he had used them as a guide and for his own use. His "brag book" from last year showed many happy clients with their catches - demonstrating the flies worked well.



Because of the small class size, it was a more intimate, relaxing atmosphere. Questions were welcomed. Jim's directions were easy to follow. Explanations were to the point. Jim tied each fly while we watched on a large screen TV.

As Jim tied a second sample of the fly, we were able to follow along. The technology worked very well for this. The flies resulting from his demonstration were part of the raffle at the TU meeting that evening. The flies themselves had a minimal number of steps. Their creation/development had been well thought out.

Jim shared information on where to find some of the less available materials and common sources for better items. He introduced a brush with the hook side of velcro as a great way to brush out the dubbing, something easy for all of us to make.

The flies we tied were: All Marabou Leech, Ice Dub Scud, Cress Bug, Trout Candy, Caddis Pupa (tan and black), Collins Soft Hackle Sow Bug, and Bobwhite Baetis. We left confident we could do these on our own. He did provide his card with contact information in case we ran into problems, had questions or would want to avail ourselves of his services as a guide. If you weren't there, you missed a great tying opportunity! ■



Trout 101/201 Classes

Trout Unlimited and Orvis have once again partnered to present a short course in fly fishing basics to the general public free of cost. Last year Trout 101 was offered on each of four separate week-ends in July. This year the program will be expanded to each of two week-ends in May, June and July. Trout 101 is a two hour class covering equipment selection, flies, knots and includes a fly casting lesson. Each participant receives an in store gift certificate from Orvis and a free membership to Trout Unlimited (\$35 value). Trout 201 will cover fly fishing on a local pond. If you have relatives, friends, and neighbors or know kids who might be interested, have them contact Jason Hearle, fishing manager, or Richard Stechschulte, store manager, at Orvis Yorktown, 630-932-6573. It's a great class and it is free!

The Orvis store at Yorktown Mall in Lombard is located in OBTU's center of mass. OBTU supported the Trout 101 program last year by providing instructors and will continue to support this nationally driven program once again. At least 2 instructors from OBTU will be needed for each session, which will last about 2 hours, two such sessions being offered each day (9-11 am and 11 am-1pm). Orvis will provide a gift to each of the instructors. The dates are as follows:

Trout 101	Trout 201
May 21-22	June 4-5
May 28-29	June 25-26
June 11-12	July 16-17
June 18-19	
July 2-3	
July 9-10	

Contact Greg Prosen at 630-986-1310 or Stan Zarnowiecki, at 708-606-4148, if interested in being a mentor for Trout 101. Right now Jason thinks he can handle Trout 201 himself, but we might be asked to provide a guide for those sessions. The classes have been limited to six people so instruction is hands on. Support this great program aimed at sustaining and broadening our own chapter and TU! ■

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trout streams. Perhaps more importantly, it's also one of the world's last remaining spawning sites for the Coaster Brook Trout, a variant of the native speckled trout that behaves like a steelhead and comes near it in size.

Recent research suggests there are less than 400 of these iconic fish left in the river. Kennecott plans to blast through the Eagle Rock into the ore body which is located in sulfide rock, which when exposed to oxygen and water produces "acid mine drainage," including sulfuric acid and dissolved heavy metals. Every such "sulfide mine" ever opened has produced long-term acid mine drainage – some dating back to Roman times.

For more information about groups working in opposition to this project and the latest updates, go to www.savethewildup.org. or call 906-228-4444. ■

Circle Your Calendar

TUDARE Spring Outing Viroqua, Wisconsin May 20-22, 2011

- On stream habitat presentations.
- See first hand work done and to be done to restore the area's streams.
- **FREE** fly casting lessons.
- **FREE** mentoring on the spring creeks.
- Friday night dinner for OBTU members.

- Saturday night pig roast benefiting OBTU and TUDARE. Neighboring TU chapters will be invited to come. Dave Vetrano will be honored for his years of leadership in restoring Driftless Area streams.
- Family friendly activities for those not fishing.
- Plenty of great and varied accommodations.
- Magnificent springtime fishing on the spring creeks of the Driftless.

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Pebble Mine *continued from page 1*

Nushagak, Igushik, and Togiak. These rivers and associated lakes provide pristine spawning grounds for all five species of Pacific salmon along with trophy rainbow trout, grayling, arctic char, and a full array of wildlife. In addition, Lake Iliamna, which is roughly the same size as Lake Erie and drains into the Kvichak River, is Alaska's largest lake.

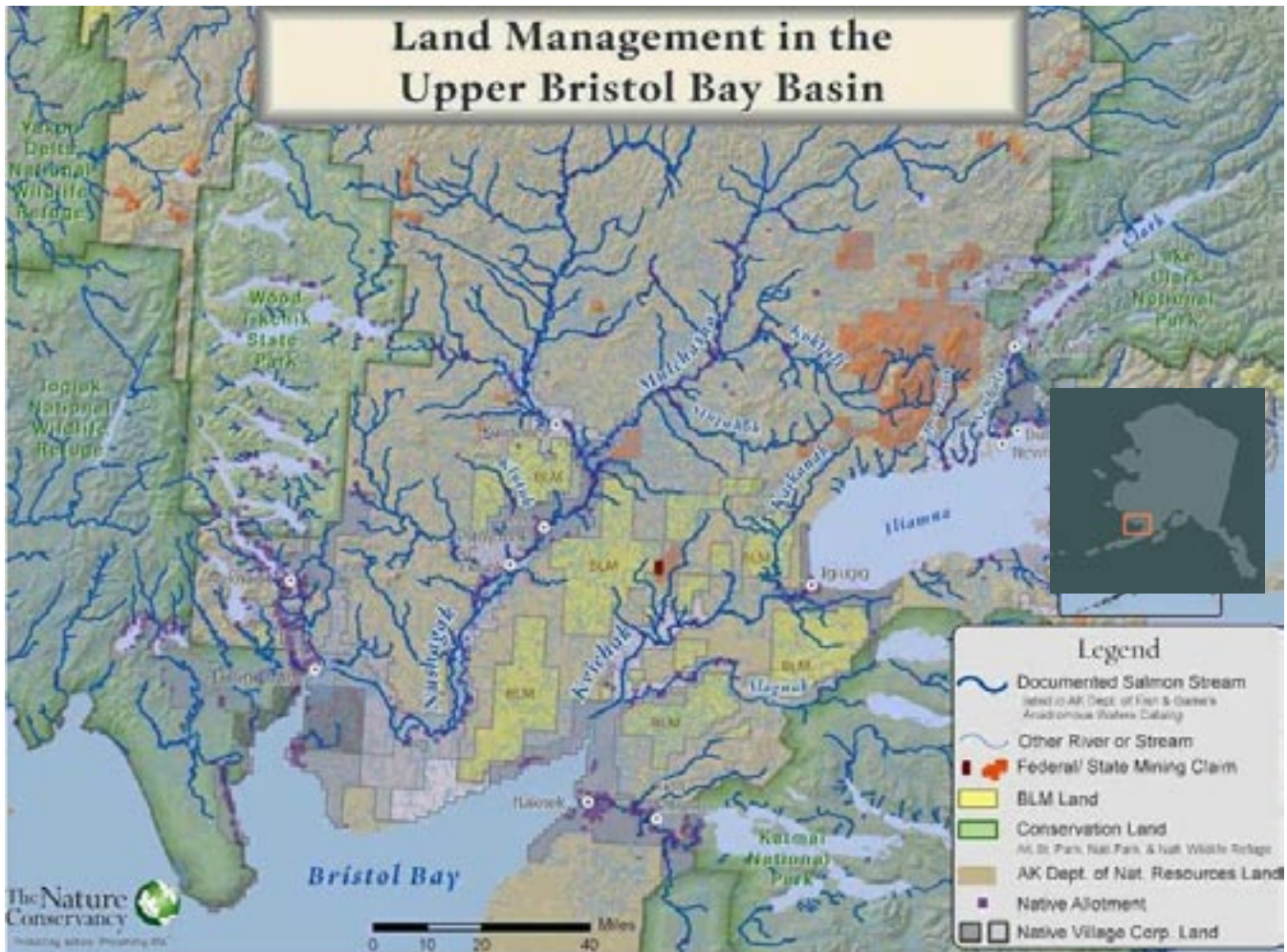
The Pebble prospect is located 200 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska. The site is north of Lake Iliamna, near the villages of Nondalton, Newhalen, and Iliamna, in a remote and usually uninhabited part of the Bristol Bay watershed.

The Pebble deposit is a massive storehouse of gold, copper and molybdenum, located in the headwaters of the Kvichak and Nushagak Rivers. If built, Pebble would be one of the largest mines of its type in the world. Northern Dynasty Minerals, Ltd., a mine partner, estimates that Pebble contains over \$300 billion worth of recoverable metals at early 2010 prices. The developer, Pebble Limited Partnership, is comprised of the world's second largest multinational mining corporation, London-based Anglo American, along with Northern Dynasty, a junior mining company headquartered in Canada. The Pebble Limited Partnership has not released its final mine plans but

company executives have said that the Pebble Mine complex, which would cover some 15 square miles, would include the largest dam in the world (larger than Three Gorges Dam in China). Located in a seismically active area, the massive earthen dam would be designed to contain the toxic waste created in the mining process. But whether it could withstand a major earthquake is questionable. Most of the material removed from the Pebble mining area will not have value. Over its lifetime, Pebble is estimated to produce 2.5 billion tons of sulfide-laced waste rock that would have to be treated in perpetuity. Any release of this waste into the surface or groundwater has the potential to destroy Bristol Bay's salmon runs forever.

The exact nature and scope of proposed mining activities at Pebble are yet to be finalized - but the general outline of the plan is known. Planning and exploration are focused on a contiguous concentration of copper ore; Pebble West is the discovery area where mineralization locally extends to the surface, Pebble East is a deeply-buried extension of the deposit.

Pebble West would probably be mined as an open pit. The open pit preliminarily envisioned by Pebble Mines Corp. is two miles (3 km) wide and several thousand feet deep. Most of the rock removed from the pit will be waste, up to 2.5 billion tons of waste rock. That waste rock material, along with allowed discharge chemicals, would be



stored in two artificial lakes behind massive earthen dams. The largest of the dams containing these lakes would be 740 feet (230 m) tall and 4.3 miles (6.9 km) long. The Pebble East part of the deposit would most likely be mined using underground methods.

Only a huge mine benefiting from economies of scale is feasible at Pebble, due to the low-grade character of the ore. Development and construction of a mine at Pebble would be a massive industrial project, taking years and costing billions of dollars. It will require many miles of roads and bridges across currently wild and undeveloped land, pipelines for fuel and for rock slurries, the use of great amounts of process water, impoundment of great amounts of surface water, electric power lines, and constant transport and use of fuel and industrial and domestic chemicals and supplies.

Feasibility studies are being prepared by Pebble Mines Corp. The company expects to apply for permits in 2012, at the earliest.

The Pebble mineral deposits are on land owned by the state of Alaska. Pebble Mines Corp. holds mineral rights for 153 square miles (400 km²) of state mining claims, an area which includes the Pebble deposits, as well as other, less explored, mineral deposits. The Pebble Limited Partnership is 50% owned by a wholly-owned U.S.-based subsidiary of London-based Anglo American and 50% owned by The Northern Dynasty Partnership, which is a wholly-owned Canadian-based subsidiary of Northern Dynasty Minerals Limited. Announced in July, 2007 the partnership agreement obligates Anglo American to spend \$1.425 billion towards study, permitting, and construction of the project in order to retain its 50% interest. The partnership is managed by the Pebble Mines Corporation, a 50% Northern Dynasty:50% Anglo American owned corporation based in Alaska.

Important stockholders in Northern Dynasty Minerals Limited include Kennecott (19.8%) which is a wholly-owned affiliate of Rio Tinto, management (13%), and Mitsubishi (9.1%). One non-executive member of the Northern Dynasty board is a Rio Tinto representative. The corporate officers and executive board members of Northern Dynasty Minerals Limited are all, also, executive board members and corporate officers of Hunter Dickinson Corporation. Northern Dynasty is one of ten public mining companies driven by Hunter Dickinson, a Vancouver-based Canadian corporation. [Bristol Bay is home to some of the largest runs of salmon in the world, all five Pacific species spawn in the bay's freshwater tributaries. Commercial fisheries include the world's largest sockeye salmon, which along with herring and other fisheries, account for nearly 75% of local jobs.

Organizations including the Resource Development Council, Alaska Mining Association, and the Alaska Chamber of Commerce support development at Pebble. The proposal has strong support amongst state-wide elected officials in Alaska.

Opposition to the proposal is being led by organizations including the Renewable Resources Coalition (formed in 2005 to oppose the Pebble project), local native groups such as the Bristol Bay Native Association, commercial and sport fishing organizations such as the Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association, and the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association, and environmental groups such as American Rivers and Trout Unlimited.

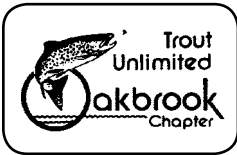
Reasons to be concerned about the proposed mine include:

- The fish in the watershed, and the wildlife that depend on them, are too important to risk in exchange for the economic benefits of the mine.
- Accidental discharge of heavy metals and acid mine drainage to the environment are realistic concerns in mine design and operation. Some are dangerous to fish and other wildlife. Downstream salmon and freshwater fish species would be vulnerable to mine-generated pollutants, were a mine constructed at Pebble. A threat to the fish would amount to a threat to the regional subsistence lifestyle.
- Mining in general has a poor environmental track record. For example, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) mining has contaminated portions of the headwaters of over 40 percent of watersheds in the western continental U.S., and reclamation of 500,000 abandoned mines in 32 states could cost tens of billions of dollars.
- A recent study of 25 modern large hard rock metal mines compared water quality outcomes with environmental impact statement (EIS) predictions from the permitting stage. 76 percent (19 mines) of the 25 mines exceeded water quality standards in releases to either surface or groundwater. In this study "exceeded water quality standard" does not necessarily mean that the mines failed to abide by their permits. When the 15 mines with high acid-drainage, high contaminant leaching potential, and proximity to ground water are considered separately, this number is 93% (14 mines).
- Anglo-American PLC is not a desirable corporate partner. A report commissioned by opponents of Pebble, criticizes Anglo American for community, worker safety, public health, and environmental problems at their mining operations in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Mali, Ireland and the United States and notes the difference between Anglo's stated corporate goals and their actual corporate performance.

In 2010, nine federally-recognized Bristol Bay tribes petitioned the USEPA to use its authority under the section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay. Under section 404(c), the Administrator of the USEPA may restrict or deny the uses of specific areas as disposal sites after notice and opportunity for public hearing that the discharge of materials will have an unacceptable adverse effect fishery spawning and breeding areas, wildlife or recreational areas.

On Monday, February 7, 2011, USEPA agreed to begin a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed. The full USEPA press release can be found at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/8c1e5dd5d170ad99852578300067d3b3?OpenDocument>

For more information on Pebble Mine and to find out what you can do to help go to the website: <http://savebristolbay.org>. ■



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Driftless Area Project(s) Update

By David Dornblaser, OBTU Conservation Committee

During the Holiday Dinner presentation we announced that our timeline for the Harrison Project will not be met for it to be a 2011 project. That project will be multi-year project that is scheduled to get underway in 2012. We have two other projects that we have been exploring simultaneously, one on the Seas Branch to the West Fork of the Kickapoo and the other on the upper end of Reads Creek which is brookie spawning habitat. Both projects are smaller in scale than is Harrison and have the potential to begin 2011. We will be proceeding with one of the projects, the other project can be deferred to 2012 without jeopardizing our ability to work on it. The Conservation Committee will be able to give more details very shortly. The chapter members who will be attending the May Banquet in the Driftless Area will be able to tour both the Seas Branch and Reads Creek sites.



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Oak Brook TU Appreciation Days

The weekend of March 19 & 20, 2011 is "Oak Brook TU Appreciation Days" at Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters. This is a unique opportunity to gear up for the coming season and in doing so, raise money for your chapter's conservation activities. It is also an opportunity to support one of the last remaining independently owned, professionally staffed fly shops in the Chicagoland area. Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters will donate 10% of all sales* made by members directly back to Oak Brook Trout Unlimited.

Only sales made to Oak Brook TU Members will qualify - 10% of the proceeds from full price merchandise will be donated directly to club (pre tax proceeds) - 5% of proceeds from "sale" items will be donated directly to club* - When checking out, please provide a copy of this letter so that we can track qualifying purchases. The qualifying purchases must be made March 19th or 20th ONLY- we will not honor rain checks for alternative dates.



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