

**US Fish and Wildlife Service Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 4.9 – Subsistence**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Comment No.</b>	<b>Section, Paragraph, and Page #</b>	<b>Cooperating Agency Comment (and Purpose of Comment)</b>	<b>Proposed Resolution (Additions or Deletion of Text)</b>	<b>Response</b>
USFWS	1		Include more detail on the potential cumulative impacts for all alternatives, and the magnitude of such impacts. Specifically, provide detailed information on the cumulative and additive impacts each action alternative would have on the water, subsistence, and cultural resources which the people living in the area depend on for survival. In particular, this chapter should describe how anticipated impacts to the river system, water quality, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat would affect subsistence users that rely on these resources. If some of this information is available in one or more other chapters of the DEIS, please also refer to those chapters here.	See Response.	The Cumulative Impacts section has been expanded and revised. Additional references to other sections added.
USFWS	2		Discuss and provide more detail on how construction and operation of a large commercial enterprise, an open pit copper and gold mine, in a relatively remote part of Alaska could permanently impact the environment, fish, wildlife, habitats, and the subsequent effects on indigenous people and their culture, including subsistence use.	See Response.	This section draws conclusions from Sections 4.23, Wildlife, and 4.24, Fish Values and references those sections. Some reorganization of this section was done to help clarify where the impacts would be.