

State of Alaska Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 4.3 – Needs and Welfare of the People-Socioeconomics

Agency	Comment No.	Section, Paragraph, and Page #	Cooperating Agency Comment (and Purpose of Comment)	Proposed Resolution (Additions or Deletion of Text)	Response
ADF&G/ Wildlife/R efuges	1	Section 4.3.3.2	Document states: "Note to Reviewers: Land owners for ROW acquisition will be inserted here for the Draft EIS." Incomplete section, material required for adequate review.	provide needed text and data.	Text has been revised with new data, and Cooperating Agencies were delivered this text in a memorandum.
DNR/ DOG/ SPCS	2	4.3-7	text reads, "However, since the pipeline would follow the transportation corridor from Amakdedori port to the mine site, it is not likely that a separate ROW arrangement would be needed."	A pipeline ROW lease is a separate authorization from a road easement. The pipeline ROW lease will have an annual rental cost separate from any road authorization costs. Recommend striking this sentence.	Sentence has been deleted.
DNR/ DOG/ SPCS	3	4.3.6 Cumulative Impacts	inclusion of Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline, Drift River Oil Pipeline, and Alaska LNG	It is unclear why these projects are listed in this section. Text says, "The potential impacts for each major category are explained below" but no connection is clear in the text that follows the bulleted list. Elaborate on how these pipeline projects are pertinent to this discussion, or generalize more, as in Sec 4.12	Cumulative Effects section has been expanded and heavily revised, including response to this comment.