

State of Alaska Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 4.12 – Transportation and Navigation

Agency	Comment No.	Section, Paragraph, and Page #	Cooperating Agency Comment (and Purpose of Comment)	Proposed Resolution (Additions or Deletion of Text)	Response
DNR/ DOG/ SPCS	1	4.12.2.1, pp 4.12-3	Text reads, "During operations and closure, the pipeline would have no effect on overland traffic."	Traffic during operations would be minimal but would exist for maintenance and inspection. Suggest changing "no effect" to "minimal effect"	Text has been edited.
DNR/ DOG/ SPCS	2	4.12.2.1 Natural Gas Pipeline Corridor	Text reads, "Heavy equipment traffic turning off the highway would exist, but would be less than the usual construction traffic experienced on Sterling Highway for road maintenance during the summer months (PLP 2018-RFI 037). Because construction of the pipeline would parallel the main transportation corridor, there would be limited disruption of community roads systems associated with pipeline installation."	This traffic may be less than construction traffic, but would be cumulative with road maintenance traffic, so the impact should not be disregarded.	Text was added to include the cumulative addition to existing maintenance vehicles.