

**Proposed Pebble Project
Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Review Comments**

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Comments

3.12 Transportation and Navigation. *General comment* – This section does not adequately emphasize the relatively undeveloped nature of the existing transportation system and how the proposed transportation systems would juxtapose against the existing system and the culture and way of life it has fostered. The creation of the proposed transportation systems could in fact have a profound impact on the culture and way of life in the region; therefore, the description of the existing conditions should do more to recognize their present undeveloped nature.

3.12.1 Surface Transportation. This section should provide more information on the existing roads such as whether they are unpaved or paved, what kind of surface exists, are there stormwater controls, who is responsible for maintenance, etc. The data for surface transportation should also be compiled in a table.

3.12.3 Water Transportation. The section clearly suggests that Cook Inlet, Amakdedori Port, and Diamond Port all pose difficulties for vessels due to both regional and site-specific conditions. To the extent that a history exists regarding transportation accidents and impacts to Cook Inlet, this information should be provided, summarized, and cited in this section. Furthermore, the present frequency of accidents and impacts should be compared and evaluated with respect to future increases in vessel traffic, and the frequency of future accidents and impacts should be projected and evaluated in Section 4.12.