

EPA Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 4.5 - Recreation

Agency	Comment No.	Section, Paragraph, and Page #	Cooperating Agency Comment (and Purpose of Comment)	Proposed Resolution (Additions or Deletion of Text)	Response
EPA	1	4.5.2.3; p. 4.5-4	“Boat traffic to and from the port would be minimal: up to 27 concentrate vessels and 33 supply barges per year during operations.”	Regarding potential recreation impacts at Amakdedori Port, the draft document notes the number of concentrate vessels and supply barges anticipated per year but does not discuss the amount of time these vessels would remain in port. We continue to recommend including this information, because it is relevant to the level of impact at the port location and the time in port may differ among alternatives or variations. This information would also be relevant to consider for other resource sections in addition to Recreation, including fish and wildlife impacts.	Information added about length of time the concentrate vessels would be anchored at lightering locations.