

Nondalton Tribal Council Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 3.12 - Transportation and Navigation

Agency	Comment Number	Section, Paragraph, and Page #	Relevant Text/Subject	Comment	Response
Nondalton Tribal Council	1	Section 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 transportations 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.	This section is focused on the baseline information of the existing transportation systems in the region, with Chapter 4 discussing impacts to those systems. The analysis on impacts to how the project infrastructure would impact culture and way of life are discussed in Section 4.7, Cultural Resources, and Section 4.9, Subsistence. No changes made.
Nondalton Tribal Council	2	Section 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.	The baseline information that is requested is more detail than is necessary to include in the EIS in order to disclose the reasonably foreseeable impacts of the proposed project and determine differences in alternatives. No changes made.
Nondalton Tribal Council	3	Section 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.	Readily available data includes incidents for Cook Inlet as a whole, and does not specify incidents at Amakdedori or Diamond Point. The readily available data would not determine the differences between alternatives. No changes made.