

State of Alaska Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 3.13 - Geology

Agency	Comment No.	Section, Paragraph, and Page #	Cooperating Agency Comment (and Purpose of Comment)	Proposed Resolution (Additions or Deletion of Text)	Response
ADF&G (comm fish)	Excel line 38	3.13 and All	The section appears to be written from the perspective of what contributed to the formation of the Pebble deposit and what contributed to the formation of other resources in the area that could be developed. There is no mention of the geology and its contribution to the fish population.	This section should be rewritten. The DEIS geology section should present the geological setting for the region, without sole focus being on the deposit. Though faults and volcanos are addressed in section 3.15 they should be acknowledged here as well.	The geology section is focused on bedrock and surficial deposits that would be disturbed by the project. Discussion of geohazards (including faults and volcanoes) is provided in Sections 3.15 and 4.15 to facilitate a complete discussion in one location of the EIS. A partial discussion of “faults and volcanoes” in Section 3.13 could be misunderstood as incomplete or inconsistent.