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March 8, 2010

Rep. Alan Austerman
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 502
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: HCR 15

Dear Rep. Austerman,

I am writing on behalf of Trident Seafoods Corporation to express our support for HCR 15, a resolution requesting the Legislative Council to contract with the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences for an independent assessment of the environmental and socioeconomic consequences of large-scale mineral extraction in the Bristol Bay area watershed.

As a major buyer and processor of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon with substantial investments and broad interest the health of the fishery resources and fishery-dependent communities in the region, Trident Seafoods welcomes a thorough third-party scientific assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed Pebble Mine project.

Sincerely

John Garner

Director, Salmon Division

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