

**From:** Therese Lewandowski  
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**To:** House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Jason Brune as Commissioner of DEC

Dear Representatives Co-Chair Lincoln, Co-Chair Tarr and Members of the House Resource Committee,

I urge you to vote NO for Jason Brune as Commissioner of the state's DEC.

It is widely known that Mr Brune has had a long career in the resource industry including, I understand, 3 years as a Pebble Mine spokesperson. It seems blatantly obvious he would not be a neutral commissioner. The Alaska Mining Association supports his nomination for that reason. He would be a channel for them sliding past regulations that protect the environment. Would he not be the hand that stamps the "go-ahead" to Pebble Mine. One can't help but be suspicious. It's one of those "really?" moments.

Why do we have to fight so hard to protect the fishing resources? Shouldn't they be just as powerful and important as coal and copper?

Fishing doesn't leave tailings. It doesn't have to set up chemical ponds to hold the chemicals used to extract the resource. It not only supports families that commercial and charter fish for a living, it feeds thousands of Alaskans.

Vote NO for Jason Brune.

Respectfully,  
Therese Lewandowski