

The Wild: What's Next?

1. Visit the official website: <https://www.thewildfilm.com> to:
 - a. Learn more about the film and how it was created
 - b. Learn more about the film's creator, Mark Titus
 - c. Watch the film's creator, Mark, do a Ted Talk about wild salmon
 - d. Take action on the issue and support the local movements
 - e. See what companies offer sustainable salmon for purchase
 - f. Donate money to the "Alaska Wild Salmon Fund" to help fund beneficial projects

2. Purchase only sustainably harvested salmon and other fish for consumption. For examples, visit:
 - a. <https://www.patagoniaprovisions.com/pages/salmon>
 - b. <https://evaswild.com/collections/frontpage>

3. Take action, contact your state representatives and tell them to help save Bristol Bay by reaching out to Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.
US Senator Michael Bennet (202) 224-5852
US Senator Cory Gardner (202) 224-5941
US Representative Joe Neguse (202) 225-2161 – Eagle County
US Representative Scott Tipton (202) 225-4761 – Pitkin County

4. Watch Mark's original documentary, *The Breach*, to learn more about the issues salmon face in the Pacific Northwest.
 - a. <http://www.thebreachfilm.com/watch-now>

5. Watch other documentaries about wild salmon:
 - a. *Artifishal*: <https://www.patagonia.com/artifishal.html>
 - b. *The Return of the Salmon*: <https://filmfreeway.com/405617>
 - c. *Atlantic Salmon: Lost at Sea* https://www.amazon.com/Atlantic-Salmon-Lost-at-Sea/dp/B079P5SZK4/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1523023883&sr=8-1&keywords=atlantic+salmon%2C+lost+at+sea

Did You Know? Questions and Answers

- **Salmon**
 - Is it sustainable to eat salmon?
 - While it is a controversial topic, more and more certifications exist to ensure that salmon is caught sustainably. One example is "Certified Sustainable Seafood" Visit www.msc.org to learn more.
 - Should I buy farmed or wild salmon?
 - It has been mostly determined, while more expensive, that wild salmon is more sustainable and also promotes better ecosystem health. Farmed salmon often releases harmful pollution to water, and if farmed salmon

- escape their pens, they can be harmful to the native salmon population because they often carry more disease.
- However, as the demand for salmon increases, investment into farmed salmon has increased. There have been new technologies developed and tested in hopes to make this a more sustainable practice to prevent overfishing of wild salmon.
 - How is Bristol Bay more sustainable, can't salmon just reproduce wherever?
 - Bristol Bay is one of the cleanest environments on Earth, and allows for salmon to return by the millions every summer. The protection and rule abiding citizens who truly care for the sustainability of the region have contributed to this being one of the most sustainable wild fisheries in the world. The World Wildlife Fund has even gotten involved to ensure that this environment is protected for years to come.
 - **Mining**
 - Won't mining help create more jobs in a region that is relatively rural?
 - Yes in the short term, but, regardless of the negative environmental effects, the Bristol Bay wild salmon fishery is valued at over 1.5\$ billion dollars and supports nearly 20,000 jobs across the United States. All of this could be at risk if the mine is developed.
 - Isn't the site only a small proposed piece of land?
 - Yes, but, it was determined that the mine would almost definitely have to expand beyond the original proposal to be economically feasible. As with past mines throughout the United States, the EPA almost always allows for mines to be dug further and deeper than their original proposals since they are already developed. Allowing this site to be mined would open up the door for continued environmental harm for years to come.
 - Can't modern technology solve all these issues and mitigate any possible leakage or other negative impacts?
 - Supposedly, however, there have been 11 tailings dams failures over the last decade alone. This involves seriously toxic chemicals being released into the surrounding environment. If this type of event were to occur at Pebble Mine, it would most likely spell the end for the salmon of Bristol Bay.
 - Also, the company who has been contracted to design the proposed tailings dam for Pebble Mine was the company who developed a dam in Brazil that ultimately collapsed.