



**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES
2006 STUDY PLANS**

**CHAPTER 15.
RECREATION**

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15. RECREATION

Kevin Waring Associates will develop the baseline description of recreational uses and activities for the area potentially affected by development and operations associated with the Pebble Project mine area, transportation corridor, and port. Table 15-1 provides a summary of tasks for the recreation studies in 2005 and 2006. Figure 15-1 depicts the study area for the recreations studies.

The objectives, study area, and methods for the recreation baseline study continue as described in the 2005 study plan.

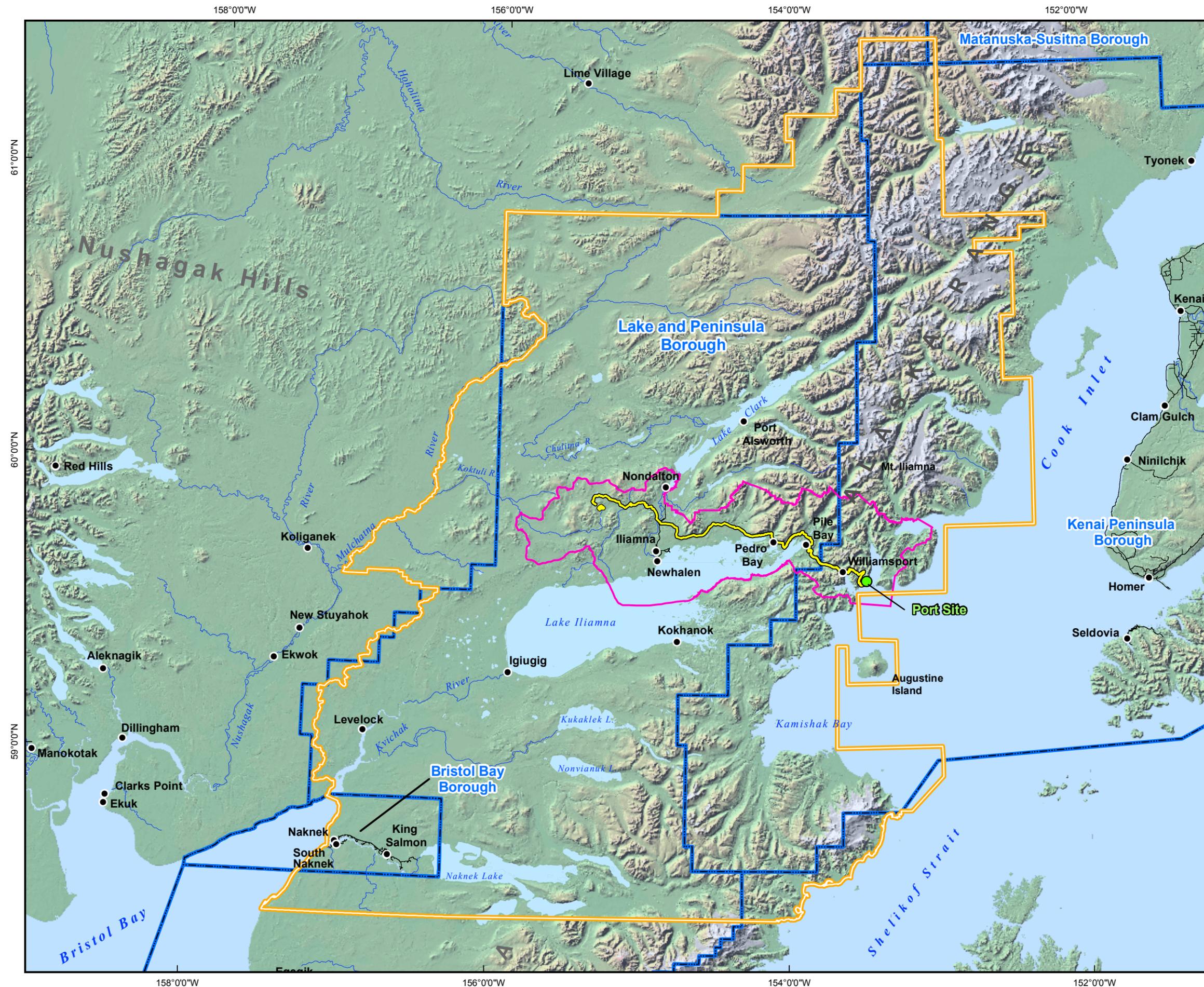
The major tasks and activities remain generally as described in the 2005 study plan: collection and analysis of information on recreation in the study area from a variety of sources, interpretive mapping of major recreational uses and related activities, analysis of the current and future economic role of recreation, and preparation of the recreation baseline description.

The study plan has been revised to include an additional year's sportfishing, hunting, and visitation data in the database. Additionally, research to date has discovered more comprehensive and detailed data sources on sportfishing and hunting activities in the study area than anticipated in the earlier study plan. The 2006 study has been revised to add these data to the baseline description and to expand the mapped presentation of sportfishing and hunting in the study area.

Finally, the 2006 study will incorporate newly available annual data series as well as recent changes in the relevant conditions in the study area.

Table 15-1
Pebble Project Environmental Studies
Study Summary for Recreation, 2005-2006
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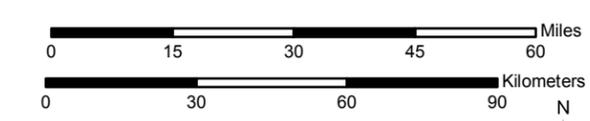
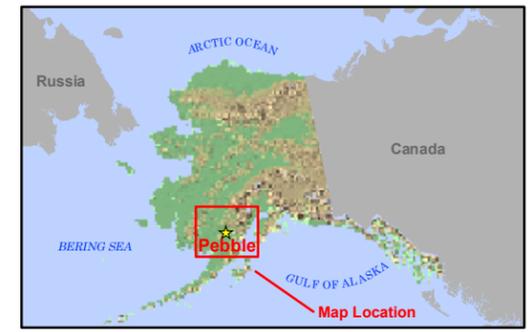
Discipline	2005 Data Collected or Tasks	2006 Tasks to be Completed
Recreation	2005 Study Plan	2006 Study Plan Summary
	Inventory federal, state and other recreational lands and assets	Update all annual data series
	Compile data and trends on visitation and commercial users for national parks & preserves	Verify accuracy of other recreational information
	Document and quantify as feasible recreational uses and activities	Develop descriptive and interpretive maps to show locale and intensity of recreational activities, especially sportfishing and hunting
	Compile and analyze ADF&G sportfishing and hunting data	Coordinate with preliminary results of related baseline studies, e.g., visual aesthetics, terrestrial wildlife, fish and aquatic habitat, etc.
	Identify and locate recreation lodges	Complete draft recreational baseline description
	Identify points of access and travel routes to recreational destinations	
	Collect data on economic importance of commercial and non-commercial recreation	



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Study Area
 Recreation Baseline Description
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- Legend**
-  Study Area
 -  Project Area
 -  2005 Pit Outline
 -  Borough Boundary
 -  Possible Road (10/2005)
 -  Existing Roads



Scale 1:1,434,903
 Alaska State Plane Zone 5 (units feet)
 1983 North American Datum