

Awareness of Alaskan salmon plight spreads to Europe

The Sportsmans Alliance for Alaska is heading to Europe's biggest angling exhibition, EFTTEX, in a bid to raise awareness of the ongoing 'Battle of Bristol Bay'.

SAA director Scott Hed, who is spearheading the campaign against a mining conglomerate who want to extract gold in an area containing the spawning grounds of countless Pacific salmon, said: "I was invited to attend EFTTEX by Richard Sanderson and Charles Jardine.

"It will be a very good opportunity to raise awareness about the situation across Europe which is a key market for export of wild Alaska salmon. Not to mention a few European sport anglers travel to Bristol Bay to fish every year," added Hed, who continues to receive strong backing from the US fly fishing trade.

Abel Reels have produced a limited edition 'No Pebble Mine' Super 5N trout reel. Only 100 are being made, No.1 of which has been donated to the SAA for auctioning while the other 99 will be sold through



Abel dealers with \$200 from each going to the campaign.

"Our online auction is possible due to the generous support of so many companies, lodges, artists, blogs, magazines and websites. The inventory is set up on

a rolling basis with new items added each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All listings run for ten days," added Hed.

• Visit the SAA's online auction at www.sportsmansalliance4ak.org or at EFTTEX Stand D26.