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### **AOGA issues statement on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment**

**ANCHORAGE-** Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) President and CEO Kara Moriarty today issued the following statement on the EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment:

“Although AOGA is the business trade association for the oil and gas industry in Alaska, we have grave concerns about the precedent set by this misdirected study. In short, this study disregards the time-tested process by which Alaska’s natural resources have been thoroughly vetted, permitted and approved.

For years, AOGA has been on the record with serious concerns about the study that have not been addressed. Namely, we believe every potential development project in Alaska should have an opportunity to be reviewed on its own merits. The fact that the EPA has taken this action sets a bad precedent for all Alaska projects, including oil and gas. My members continue to worry the next target will be the state’s oil and gas projects. This type of tool could be used to essentially shut down development in a state that depends on oil and gas to function as the backbone of our economy.

It is disappointing when an agency like EPA fails to follow its own rules and regulations. Public agencies should rightfully be held to the highest standards when it comes to a fair and transparent permitting process, and this study undermines that time-honored practice.”

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