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Competitive sawing brings together friends, strangers

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The sound of saw blades cutting through wood, the steady thump of men hitting their targets and the cheers of onlookers filled the chilly autumn air Saturday at the 20th annual Fairbanks North Forest Sports Festival held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus Saturday. 

The an-throwing contest was one of seven events at the 20th annual Fairbanks North Forest Sports Festival held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus Saturday. 

Walker speaks out against Pebble Mine

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Pebble CEO Tom Collier announced the company’s first public plan for the Pebble Mine project Thursday morning, showing a smaller footprint than previous unofficial plans, with mining focused only in the Pebble West area.

But Alaska Gov. Bill Walker remains unconvinced the mine is good for the state. "I am not supportive of the Pebble Mine," Walker told Alaska Public Media. Walker said the project’s developers have not provided enough proof that the mine can be developed without harming Bristol Bay’s fisheries.

"I do not have information sufficient for me to be comfortable or supportive of the Pebble Mine," said, “The burden is on them to prove that it can be done without a risk to the fish in that area. 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