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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

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February 7, 2014

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Board Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

RE: Cook Inlet Regulatory Meeting 01.31- 02.13/14

Submitted Proposal that was not published in the 2013, 2014 Proposal book:

Chairman Karl Johnstone,

This proposal as stated in our testimony from SOKI was not apparently acknowledged by Board Support and was therefore not published or addressed at this regulatory meeting. We are concerned that this may happen to others.

Please consider the objective in protection of later run Kenai River king salmon spawning and rearing waters.

Thank you,

Paul A. Shadura II
Spokesperson

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM
PO BOX 115526, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5526**

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King salmon returns are showing consistent and growing high exploitation of large prolific female kings. Harvest selection of large kings has reduced the genetic strength of age 5,6,7 age class kings. Management strategies are needed to preserve the large age class of kings who have a higher probability to spawn and have a higher fecundity than younger age classes. To protect the integrity of the stock as a whole, conservation measures should be implemented to close areas of the river to King salmon fishing as sanctuaries for the Kings to better survive the pressures exerted upon them inriver. This would include spawners and staging (resting) Kings.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Continued decline in integrity of the large fish genetic traits and reduction of recruits (smolt).

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Implement rolling area closures by year(s) within the reaches between the mouth of the Kenai River to the mouth of Skilak Lake

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

Yes, in time the stock will return more of the older age class King salmon.

6. Solutions to difficult problems benefit some people and hurt others:

A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

All users with healthier returns with more targeted Kings available.

B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

Inriver fishery cannot continue as no matter how many small kings are returned the runs will be less

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.

Closing the entire river to all fishing.

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