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Hi, my name is Bob Barnwell and I own Alaska Fjord Charters in Seward. We specialize in salmon charters and glacier and whale watching. I have been involved with salmon my entire life, including working with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as a fisheries technician for 5 seasons, to commercial salmon fishing for 20 years in Western Alaska. I have a strong, and vested interest in preserving our invaluable salmon runs.

We absolutely must make our decisions about salmon habitat based on current science, and minimize the political or business interests that often have unmerited influence on our decisions. The Sustainable Salmon Policy makes sense to me. It was drawn up in good faith by professionals that understand the complexity of managing and protecting our resource. Our constitution protects our salmon, but our laws must reflect that same commitment.



Dear Esteemed Board of Fish Members,

As a 40yr plus resident of the Kenai Peninsula I would like to give you some of my comment concerning a few of the proposals for this up coming 2017 Board of Fish Upper Cook Inlet meeting in early 2017. I would also like to give you some input as to my thoughts concerning Sports Fishing and Personal Use Fishing on the Kenai River since the last BOF Upper Cook Inlet meeting in 2014 from my own personal experiences in both of these fisheries. I am sending in this public comment because I will be unable to attend the BOF meeting at the Soldotna Sports Center on Oct. 18th due to a Kidney Stone medical issue to take place during the time frame the BOF is excepting Public Comment in Soldotna at its Sports Complex.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Fish for their time, effort and diligence they put forth to try and make all the decisions requested of them in order to make a fair and equitable fishery for all user groups, Thank You. Kenny Bingaman, PO Box 2163, Soldotna, Alaska. 99669.

This is my Public Comment for the following Upper Cook Inlet Proposals;

#87--- Amend Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon, as follows: (a) The purpose of this management plan is to ensure adequate escapement of salmon into the Northern District drainages and to provide management guidelines to the department. The department shall manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River Coho salmon in order to provide sport and guided sport fishermen a reasonable opportunity to harvest these salmon stocks over the entire run, as measured by the frequency of in river restrictions. The thought process expressed by this section (a) is important and there seems to be some double talk by the proposal author as to what his real wants are. However, or whatever this proposal really would entail, **it is very important that the BOF does more in an effort to protect and enhance the Coho Salmon fisheries in all of the river of Cook Inlet.** And that is the idea I **SUPPORT**.

#88--- Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.

I feel that the current restrictions to the Comm Fish Drift Gillnet Fishery are antique and feel no changes should be made.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#89--- Repeal and readopt Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL



#90--- Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on in season salmon abundance

The current plan is working very well.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#91--- Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16– 31 time period.

I see no advantage for Cook Inlet bound King Salmon with this proposal.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#92--- Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.

I feel it is important to get as many Coho Salmon to the rivers of Upper Cook Inlet as possible.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#93--- Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1-15.

While I do support getting more Coho Salmon to the northern district streams, I do not support it at the detriment of returning Coho to the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#94--- Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the Drift Gillnet Management Plan.

I feel the 1% rule has worked very well in getting Kenai River returning King Salmon into the river and should not be changed.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#95--- Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.

This proposal is much like #93 and says the following: *Note: under this proposal even if the drift fishery was restricted under the 1 % rule, ADF&G could still allow the fleet to fish 7 days per week (5 days per week in the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point Sections.* I feel that this proposal would take Coho out of the Kasilof and Kenai River drainages. This Coho stock is depleted and should be listed as a stock of concern. There are no where near the numbers of Coho Salmon in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers that there were even 20yrs ago.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#96--- Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District, except the Kenai and Kasilof Sections, from August 16 until closed by emergency order.

This just increases the amount of time Comm Fish Drifters are allowed to fish at the detriment of all other user groups.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL



#97--- Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply to from August 1–15.

This proposal is the same as #94.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#98--- Reduce sport fishery bag limit for Coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if Coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.

I would like to see more Coho make it to Northern district rivers.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#99--- Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.

This proposal would devastate the numbers of returning Kenai and Kasilof King Salmon and is not viable.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#100--- Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.

This proposal would make it a guessing game for ADF&G and would make a big impact to returning King Salmon numbers in both the Kasilof and Kenai Rivers. It would impact Sport Fishing people.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#101--- Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.

This proposal would hurt all returning King Salmon to the Kenai River.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#102--- Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section.

This proposal is much like the previous one, #101.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#103--- Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.

This proposal would aid in returning numbers of King Salmon to the Kasilof and Kenai Rivers. That would be a good thing.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL



#104--- Reduce the closed fishing period or “window” and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section prior to July 9.

This proposal would hurt returning King Salmon numbers to the Kasilof and Kenai Rivers.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#105--- Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded.

This proposal would increase Comm Fish Set Net opportunity to the detriment of Kenai River King Salmon numbers entering the Kenai River.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#106--- Replace the optimum escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.

This proposal would affect the current management plan and there is no biologic data to support changing this escapement goal at this time. If anything it should be raised to over 500,000 sockeye. We are talking about the largest lake on the Kenai Peninsula, the escapement goal on the Kenai River is much higher and there is a much smaller lake, Hidden Lake, they go to and it is big enough for 1.4 million, then why is it that Tustemena Lake does not have a larger escapement goat, it is 20 times larger than either Skilak or Hidden Lakes.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#107--- Replace the optimum escapement goal with a sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.

Same as #106.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#108--- Replace the optimum escapement goal with the current biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.

Again this is the same as #106.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#109--- Provide clarification on the use of gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) limited entry permits.

This proposal sounds reasonable.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#110--- Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one gillnet per limited entry permit held.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL



#111--- Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one set gillnet per limited entry permit held.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#112--- Allow holders of two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permits to fish two set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.

It is already to crowded for each permit holder to fish more than one net per permit.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#113--- Remove restrictions on the amount of drift or set gillnet gear a vessel may have on board within the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.

I feel the current amounts of gear allowed on board is sufficient.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#114--- Require all nets, buoys, ropes and anchoring devices to be removed from the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area when this area is closed to commercial fishing.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#115--- Define the boundary that separates set gillnet from drift gillnet gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA), and define the outside boundaries of the KRSHA.

This is common sense.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#116--- Review the optimum escapement goal (OEG) and in river goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.

ADF&G who sponsors this proposal has worded it tricky. They are saying this; *The OEG and in river goals are currently out of alignment. The upper tier of the in river goal (upper bound of 1,350,000) does not provide enough fish on the upper end to adequately distribute escapements throughout the OEG range and in river goals. Managing for the current multiple goals (in river goal and OEG) can be unnecessarily complicated in season and confusing to user groups when one goal is met and the other is not.*

If the in river goals are aligned with the OEG, the board may also wish to consider simplifying the management plan by removing the OEG from regulation. The department currently manages for both OEG and in river goals, and, if aligned, the two goals seem to be redundant.

While there are many factors involved in managing the Escapement Goals on the Kenai River, ADF&G manages these goals with a stacked deck. For instance this year in 2016, when it was clear that the Sockeye run was over, they were still counting upwards of 20 to 25,000 fish a day that were Pinks as Sockeyes. The counts even during July did not reflect Comm Fish boat test net counts, in river sport fishing counts or personal use take counts. The Sockeye sonar counter must be seriously flawed, at best have some



very substantial short comings. Having Comm Fish people logging the counting makes it untrustworthy at best as the more they count, the more Comm Fish gets to take from the resource. I think the first issue to be solved would be to put unbiased people or over sight people in the sonar counter shacks and see if the numbers fluctuate much differently for a few years. The current system is in need of much repair in order to make sure accurate counting takes place. But this proposal might take away some confusion.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#117--- Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon. Clearly this would be a major mistake and could quite possibly undermine the efforts of ADF&G, no matter how limited or inaccurate they may be at this time, it is all we got.
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#118--- Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.

This proposals wording is a smoke and mirrors job by trying to spot light guided sport fishermen when in reality it is just another attempt to toss out the escapement goals in existence.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#119--- Amend management plan to achieve in river goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3 million sockeye salmon.

All this proposal does is muddy up the current management escapement goal.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#120--- Decrease the in river goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery.

This proposal is redundant in the fact that the sport bag limit is already 3 fish except in times of extraordinary large runs when it is raised to 6 fish a day and only then in order to use that as an additional management tool to prevent over escapement. The 100,000 fish reduction plays no part in furthering the species, only in letting Comm Fish users more access to the resource. For that reason

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#121--- Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimum escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or “windows”, and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.

#122--- Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery.



Both of these proposals are basically the same and are greed driven by Comm Fish Set Netters. We need Escapement Goals to ensure the survival of our salmon species and we need Comm Fish closure "windows" to ensure that Kenai River bound King Salmon make it into the river. Only common sense!

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#123--- Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Sub district with set and drift gillnet gear.

#124--- Amend the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan to remove or lower the daily harvest triggers.

#125--- Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.

#126--- Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.

All of these proposals are close to the same. The current Pink Salmon Management Plan is working and viable. The allowing of a larger mesh for these fish would impact Kenai River King Salmon mortality resulting in more Kings being killed when we need them to make it into the river.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#127--- Remove in river goals from the list of escapement goals in the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan and realign in river and escapement goals in the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.

While researching this proposal, I have come to the conclusion it is close to one submitted by ADF&G, #116. Elimination of any confusion is a good thing. Plus, in river is not on spawning beds to say.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#128--- Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.

This proposal is vague at best and asks the BOF to come up with and entirely different management plan with no direction or input in the proposal.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#129--- Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.

This proposal seems to ask for a change in Allocation which is not legal and is a very subjective request.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#130--- Amend Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan so that fishery restrictions on fully allocated stocks of concern are shared among all user groups in proportion to the respective user group harvest of that stock.



I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#131--- Define commercial fishing statistical areas in the Upper Sub district set gillnet fishery.

#132--- Move the southwestern-most point of the Expanded Kasilof Section 1.2 nm west so it aligns with the northwestern-most point of the Expanded Anchor Point Section.

#133--- Allow a single person holding two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Cook Inlet drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS.

#134--- Remove restrictions in the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on in season abundance.

The restrictions in place are there to protect King Salmon.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#135--- Redefine sections and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Sub district with three sections with staggered opening dates.

This proposal will lead to confusion and much extra effort by all involved.

I DO NOT AGREE TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#136--- Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach (NKB), statistical area 244-32, within 660 feet of shore with shallow nets only, when the Kasilof Section is open, on or after July 8.

This is an attempt to open the Kenai East Forelands Area for additional time when ever the Kasilof section is open.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#137--- Remove “one-percent rule”, where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season’s total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.

#138--- Remove the one-percent rule that applies to the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Sub district after July 31 so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15 and be managed using regular fishing periods from August 11 through August 15.

#139--- Repeal the one-percent rule, as it applies to the Upper Sub district set gillnet fishery so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15.

Both of these proposals seek to gain more fishing time for Comm Fish. The 1% rule has been an effective solution to getting more King Salmon into the Kenai River.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#140--- Allow a set gillnet to be up to 45 fathoms in length and a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to operate up to 135



fathoms of set gillnet gear when commercial fishing with set gillnets 29 meshes or less in depth.

The 29 pane or mesh provision was put in place by ADF&G to protect inbound Kenai River King Salmon. It is a proven concept from Bristol Bay.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#141--- Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.

This proposal would allow many more King Salmon to reach their natal rivers and spawning beds, proven over time in Bristol Bay.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#142--- Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.

This proposal would mimic what is current regulation on the East Side of Cook Inlet.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#143--- Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.

I feel this would create a shortage for Residents to harvest smelt in Cook Inlet Rivers.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#144--- Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit must be retained.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#145--- Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#146--- Require the use of circle hooks when fishing for sockeye salmon.

Ridiculous.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#147--- Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.

#150--- Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.

The current slot limit imposed is the right step toward getting Kenai River King Salmon numbers to grow.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#148--- Rewrite the Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan to redefine early-run stocks and establish age- and sex-based escapement goal.



There is not factual based data to support this proposal
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#149--- Revise Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.

We need to do more for the Kasilof King Salmon before we loose them forever.
I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#151--- Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.
I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#152--- Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#153--- . Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#154--- Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
#155--- Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
There is already the majority of the Kenai River closed to King Salmon fishing. It has also been closed for 3 straight years in May and closed 2yrs in June with only limited fishing in June of 2016.
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#156--- Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length.
Current slot limit regulations work great. Have not been able to fish for King Salmon in the Kenai River for 3yrs in May and 2 1/2yrs in June so it is redundant.
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#157--- Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.
Again, no one has been able to retain a Kenai River King Salmon for the last 3yrs during the first run, redundant!
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#158--- Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish.

#166--- Modify season dates and area for Kenai River late-run king salmon management. July 8 – July 31: 1 per day, 1 in possession
The current regulations of being able to take one King Salmon per day with a possession limit of two per season is not asking to much. How about limiting the Salt Water King Fishery??
I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL



#159--- Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.
This is only needed at this time for the first run, ie; May and June. The 2nd run has reached the current escapement goal so there is no need for a slot limit there.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#160--- Prohibit the use of bait in the late-run Kenai river king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.

#163--- Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.

Both of these proposals basically say the same thing except #163 adds an elimination of current management regulation to add additional fishing time for Comm Fish ESSNs.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#161--- Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.

According to current management plan, this would also close the Comm Fish Set Nets.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#162--- Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal (OEG) of 15,000 – 40,000.

I think it is prudent to increase the Kenai River King Salmon goals.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#164--- Repeals and readopts the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.

#165--- Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.

164 further says; The department shall manage the late run Mainstream stock of Kenai River king salmon to achieve a sustainable escapement goal of 12,000-27,000 king salmon beginning June 23 as described in this section.

If this action were adopted it would seriously harm the returning numbers of Kenai River King Salmon, we should be **increasing** the escapement not lowering it.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#167--- Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late-run king salmon sport fishery is closed.

I feel that a fishery that is for the RESIDENTS of the state and only open to them for food for the winter should not be infringed upon under any circumstance.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#168--- Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.

#169--- Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August

I feel this is an attempt to increase Comm Fish take at the expense of both the Sport and Personal Use fisheries.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS



#170--- Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery.

#171--- Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.

#172--- Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery.

#173--- Decrease the projected in river run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Sub district commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.

#174--- Remove provisions (e)(3)(A)(i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Sub district if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.

#175--- Clarify the length and depth of set gillnets that may be used in the Upper Sub district commercial salmon fishery, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.

#176--- Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.

#177--- Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.

All eight of these proposals are centered on GREED by Comm Fish Set Net fishermen. Like they don't get their share already. Paired restrictions is the only fair way to manage this resource that belongs to all the people of the State of Alaska. If one fishery is impacted by low returning numbers of King Salmon, all resource users must except the responsibility and be equally restricted. Fair is Fair is Right!

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#178--- Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River, as follows: An extra day of fishing from an non-motorized boat from January 1 to December 31. An example is Monday and Thursdays will be non-motorized boats only fishing on the Kenai River.

#179--- Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.

#181--- Only non-motorized vessels may be used when fishing on the Kenai River, as follows:

Make Kenai River drift boat only.

This proposal has been revisited time and time again at the BOF. There is not a lot of support for it and there never has been. By adopting this proposal you would disenfranchise many older long time Alaskans who can no longer row a drift boat. This fishery belongs to all of the Residents of the State of Alaska, to be used accordingly. Not to be hogged by a fraction of the majority for their own benefit. There has been less drift boat use in recent years on the Kenai River so please take that into effect. There are also large sections of the Kenai River where Drift Boat only use is allowed.



I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#180--- Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#182--- Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., as follows: Local residents and unguided non-guided anglers would then have a fair chance to access the sockeye salmon fishery before 6:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

#185---Modify language referencing fishing from guide boats on the Kenai River to include all guided fishing.

I feel that only guided fishing from a boat is a concern in relation to the general public needing access.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#183--- Allow guided anglers to fish from a guide boat on the Kenai River on Mondays in August.

At that time of year there are still many tourists in Alaska and on the Kenai Peninsula. They bring much needed money to our cities and communities, why not let them fish on Mondays in August too?

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#184--- Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.

I think that ADF&G can manage this fishery with this tool at their disposal.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#186--- Only barbless hooks allowed in the Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#187--- Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#188--- Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.

I feel multiply hooks should be allowed for Silvers and Pinks in August.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#189--- Allow fishing from shore after harvesting a bag limit of Coho salmon.

#190--- Expand the waters open to fishing after harvesting a bag limit of Coho salmon in the lower Kenai River.

#191--- Kenai River Coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.

#192--- Shorten the Kenai River Coho season by closing October 31.



Having read all four of these proposals I feel that I agree with them and that they would not place to great a harvest issue upon these fish.

I SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#193--- Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#194--- Create a size limit for lake trout in Hidden Lake, as follows: In Hidden Lake, the bag and possession limit for lake trout is one fish under 16 inches of length.

This is a vital ice fishery and to limit it to that is not in the interest of the people that routinely fish it during the colder months of the year.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#195--- Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hour.

#196--- Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel, as follows: Dip nets operated from a boat may not in any way be physically attached to the boat. They must be operated by hand.

#197--- Prohibit dip netting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries, as follows:

In the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers boats carrying personal use dip netters must be anchored.

#198--- Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.

#199--- Prohibit dip netting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.

All five of these proposals are nonsensical and are presented by Comm Fish interests. This is a RESIDENT Personal Use fisher to provide food for Alaskan tables in the winter. Leave it alone. It works just like it is.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#200--- Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#201--- Amend the area open to dip netting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#202--- Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.

#203--- Extend season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.



#204--- Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.

I support Alaska Residents utilizing this Personal Use fishery to the utmost.

I SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

#205--- Allow shore-based personal use dip netting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#206--- Create an area upstream of the Kenai River personal use fishery where recording and fin clip requirements are waived for fish that have not been off loaded.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#207--- Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dip netting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

#208--- Allow 10 Dolly Varden/Arctic char per household in Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries.

I DO NOT AGREE OR SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

The following Proposals deal with issues that I do not have the knowledge and have not taken the time to research as to what I would support or not support. I simply do not live in those areas nor do I use any of those fisheries. I would like to say that I feel it is important that all user groups in the Northern Districts of Cook Inlet be provided for in an equitable way. I would like to see more Coho Salmon make it thru Cook Inlet to reach spawning grounds located in these watersheds. I would also like to see Sport Fishing and Personal Use Fishing access in all these areas increased for all Alaskan Sport Fishermen. I feel that limiting Sport Fishing access is always a step backwards except if a fishery is in dire need of protection. With that being said, the following proposals I have no input on because of lack of personal experience and use.

Proposals #209 thru #278

Thank You for your time and energy.



Southeast Alaska Fishermen



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October 14, 2016

Boards Support Section

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Board of Fisheries

PO Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

RE: Board of Fish Agenda Change Request comments

Sent via email: dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov

Dear Glenn Haight, Executive Director and Board of Fish Members,

ACR 9: Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) opposes the acceptance of ACR 9 for consideration during the 2016-17 cycle. **This proposal does not meet the criteria for agenda change requests, and has been heard in the last two years.** This ACR is not actually asking for a regulatory change but more advice on the process and overlap of CFEC and BOF regulations. The staff comments explains the process that has reviewed this idea to date. SEAFA opposes the idea of changing the L21A permits and believes that should the board authorize the use of Sitka Sound seine permits for open pounding as an alternative to fishing seine gear in Sitka Sound the decision would be contested in court. We believe that in order to proceed as the original proposal was written, you would need to take the current Sitka Sound GHF and divide it between those fishermen who register by a date certain to fish open pounds and those that fish seine gear. The reason we feel that that it is allocating within a fishery which the court has ruled against is because you would need to divide the allocation for the Sitka Sound fishery between those who are using a pound and those fishing seine gear and therefore treating like permits differently. An alternative is to turn Sitka Sound into an equal share fishery which has been argued before the Board of Fish several times previously and failed every time. If you are going to treat fishermen with like permits differently a review of the Gunnert decision might be applicable.



The only way that we see it possible to legally allow pounding in Sitka Sound is to allocate a portion of the Sitka Sound GHQ quota to the Northern Herring Spawn on Kelp fishery (L21A) through the Board of Fish process. We are not saying we would support this proposal but it is the avenue that can accomplish the goal of allowing herring pounds in Sitka Sound without any action by CFEC. Any other process requires action by CFEC prior to Board of Fish consideration. While the proposer may have not realized the need to make his argument in front of CFEC that does not negate that he had the opportunity and that he did testify at the hearing held by CFEC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hansen" followed by a long horizontal line.

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director



IN REPLY REFER TO

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Office of Subsistence Management
1011 East Tudor Road MS 121
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

OSM 16089.GP

OCT 03 2016

Mr. John Jensen, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Dear Chair Jensen:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries will consider 12 Agenda Change Requests (ACR), among other issues, at its work session October 18-20, 2016.

The Office of Subsistence Management (OSM), working with other Federal agencies, has reviewed these requests and do not believe the decision to accept any of these requests for out-of-cycle regulatory action will have a significant impact on Federal subsistence users or fisheries. If any of the ACRs are accepted and assigned to future meeting dates for deliberation, Federal staff comments will be submitted for proposals that may impact Federal subsistence users or fisheries. During the meeting we may wish to comment on other agenda items if issues impacting Federal subsistence users or fisheries arise.

In response to your request, OSM State Subsistence Liaison George Pappas will provide a brief overview of the pending Federal subsistence fisheries proposals submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board. The Federal Subsistence Management Program 2017-2019 Fisheries Proposal book can be found at the following website:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017-2019%20Fisheries%20Proposal%20Book%28web%29.pdf>



Chair Jensen

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important regulatory matters and look forward to working with your Board and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on these issues.

Sincerely,

Eugene R. Peltola Jr.
Assistant Regional Director

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Chair, Federal Subsistence Board
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September 30, 2016

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
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RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting location and dates for the 2018/2019 Bristol Bay Finfish cycle.

John Jensen, Vice-Chairman	Alan Cain
Sue Jeffrey	Israel Payton
Reed Morisky	Robert Ruffner
Orville Huntington	

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation recommends that the next Bristol Bay Finfish meeting be held in Dillingham (last time it was held in Bristol Bay it was in King Salmon) with the proposed backup dates from December 12-18, 2018.

The last Bristol Bay Finfish meeting took place in Anchorage, which made it extremely difficult for residential stakeholders to attend. The local knowledge and perspectives on the Bristol Bay fisheries are invaluable and deserve an equitable opportunity to participate. There has not been a Board of Fisheries meeting in Dillingham since 2006. It is imperative to have the voice of local commercial and subsistence fishers when regulatory decisions are made that will directly impact their livelihoods.

The City of Dillingham has adequate lodging, internet, dining facilities, ground transportation, and other necessities required to host an informative meeting. Most importantly, the community validates a strong relationship to the topic of discussion, economic and cultural importance to location, and economic impact of stakeholder travel. All of these meet the listed items from the Criteria of Consideration on Reviewing Meeting Locations.

In addition, we recommend the proposed backup dates of December 12 -18, 2018 because it will not overlap with the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting. Please deeply consider the benefits from conducting the meeting within Bristol Bay. It will allow the new Board of Fisheries members to get a firsthand experience to see this remarkable landscape, including fishing districts and boundaries, and a chance to associate with the residents of Bristol Bay. Thank you for your time and due diligence to ensure that our fisheries remain vibrant and sustainable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Cline', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Gary Cline
Regional Fisheries Director, BBEDC

Mr. Ron Olson



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Ron Olson

Permit # 69465



Sept 21 2016

Bill Connor

Solo presentation of fish #'s

Fishing Dates are very fair.

Pots or Hooks ^{options} might keep Permit values

Equal

I did bring up two other points in my Interview Juvenile Halibut by catch and conflict with Brown Crab Pots which are covering ground we would fish because trying to keep ahead of killer whales

Thank you for your efforts

DAN Daynes
723-1424

Mr. Danny Hayes



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I, Danny Hayes am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Danny Hayes

Permit # 9370F

Mr. Matt Carle



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I Matt Carle am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Matt Carle

Permit # 69402 10



15008 N Tongass Hwy
Ketchikan AK 99901
September 16, 2016

Bill Connor
P O Box 1124
Petersburg AK 99833

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Clarence Strait Sablefish Fishery.

I agree with you that some changes to the fishery need to happen and the sooner the better. We have also experienced predator problems, this year it was a group of sperm whales and on the sets they were on, we harvested no fish. Most of the permit holders, if not all, are losing way too many fish to killer and sperm whales and I agree that it will greatly affect the biomass if we do not aggressively do something to curb this growing trend by predators.

I believe that we need to change solely to a pot fishery, with a reasonable time given for permit holders to make the transition from longline to pots. In the interim, I don't believe there would be a gear conflict during the season as there are a small number of permits.

I agree that the season could run from June 1 to November 15, regardless of gear type. It would spread the product availability to the market over a greater period of time. I am not in favor of setting different seasons for gear types as it could lead to precedence for a short season for pot gear, which could be detrimental should the Board of Fish decide to change the fishery to pots exclusively.

Sincerely,

Norman Alsup



Mr. Charles Petticrew

My name is Bill Connor; I am a permit holder for the Clarence sablefish fishery. ^{My #} Permit # 366-951-9213

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Charles Petticrew, ~~is~~ a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Charles Petticrew
Permit # 514662

Mr Bruce Hattrick



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My Phone #
360-951-9213

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I Bruce Hattrick am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Bruce Hattrick

Permit # 69213L

Mr. Andy Kitticans



My name is Bill Connor; I am a permit holder for the Clarence sablefish fishery. ^{my phone #}
360-251-9213

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I Andrew Kitticans am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

9/15/2016

Andy Kitticans
Permit # 693755

Janet Engle



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My Phone #
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I Janet Engle am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Janet Engle
Permit # 69133x

I support changes to reduce
whale predation.

Mr. John Engle



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John Engle

Permit # 69235 Q

I SUPPORT ANY CHANGES THAT REDUCE WHALE PREDATION.

Mr. Charlie Christensen



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Charlie Christensen am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Charles Christensen
Permit # 51812 A

Mr Kyle Franklin



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I Kyle Franklin am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Kyle Franklin

Permit # 65969 ✓

Mr. Bill Menish



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my phone #
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I would like to see a longer season than is talked about

If you are in favor of supporting this proposal, please sign your name below and help give us a voice in this issue.

Bill Menish am a member of the Clarence sablefish coalition, and also a permit holder in this fishery. I am in support of extending the season for longline and pot permit holders with the option of using pots.

Bill Menish

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Dear Board and Fish Members,

With our state's unstable economic future we should take proactive steps towards ensuring our fisheries, one of our largest economic drivers, are protected. Between the commercial fishing industry, the huge amount of revenue sport fishing and tourism bring in, and the value of having a stocked freezer, it's more important than ever to protect this resource.

My name is Kristen Collins. I am a resident of Anchorage and a subsistence user. I support the amendment to Title 16 and the adoption of the Sustainable Salmon Policy and urge your support too. With defined fish habitat criteria and including public notice, this positive change could ensure that Alaskans have the resource we depend on for generations to come.

Thanks,

Kristen



October 4, 2016

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries 2018/2019 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting cycle

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Thank you for taking the time to read the comments coming in for the public comment period regarding the 2018/2019 meeting cycle. It's be a pleasure being able to attend the last three Bristol Bay Finfish meetings both in region and out of region. Having the meetings in region are so much more beneficial than traveling to Anchorage for a number of reasons. One of the reasons to have the meetings in region is for local Bristol Bay participation on the process. Usually the meetings are held at the high school and this is also a good educational tool we can teach the youth on how to get involved and teach the regulatory process regarding our fisheries. Having the meetings in region is also great for the local economy. Dillingham has a variety warm and friendly lodging options from hotels to bed and breakfasts. We have car rental companies and when big events come to town the here people work together to make sure meetings are a success. A lot of the locals here are always willing to lend a helping hand and we also have caterers who could cater food during the events and there wouldn't be a short supply of food during and after the meetings. We have some restaurants, local grocery stores and convenience stores.

When the board of fisheries travel to the Bristol Bay region (during the cycle when meetings are to be held in region), it gives the board members a clearer picture of our surroundings and views of the waters where the salmon return every year. We live in a beautiful place and we are proud of our home, please come to Bristol Bay to hear our stories from the local people, as more people will be able to participate in the board of fisheries process by having the meeting in region.

Having the meetings out of region only give a few people the opportunity to participate in person and we were thankful funding sources were available for locals to participate in 2015 in Anchorage. It's scary to think if funding is not available during the next cycle and the meetings are out of region, the public would not be a part of this public process. I love the public process and people being able to voice their concerns and testify on proposals. Attending a meeting in person regarding the issues we face for our fisheries and potential changes that may need to be made are priceless. When making your decisions where the 2018/2019 Bristol Bay Finfish meetings will be held, please keep with the schedule of having it in region. The most important take away from having meetings in region is board members will be able to engage with locals to better understand our lifestyle and fisheries in Bristol Bay.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future and thanks for all your hard work and dedication serving on the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Councils
Served by BBNA:

Aleknagik

Chignik Bay

Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake

Clarks Point

Curyung

Egegik

Ekuk

Ekwok

Igroagig

Iliamna

Ivanof Bay

Kanatak

King Salmon

Kokhanok

Koliganek

Levelock

Manokotak

Naknek

New Stuyahok

Newhalen

Nondalton

Pedro Bay

Perryville

Pilot Point

Port Heiden

Portage Creek

South Naknek

Togiak

Twin Hills

Ugashik

October 4, 2016

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
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RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting location and dates for the 2018/2019 Bristol Bay
Finfish cycle.

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a Tribal Consortium, made up of 31 Tribes organized as a non-profit corporation to provide a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people of Bristol Bay region of Alaska. The Mission of BBNA is to maintain and promote a strong regional organization supported by the Tribes of Bristol Bay to serve as a unified voice to provide social, economic, cultural, educational opportunities and initiatives to benefit the Tribes and the Native people of Bristol Bay. BBNA has long been involved with the Alaska Board of Fisheries process to advocate for our region's subsistence resources. We work with our partners such as the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) in recommending that the 2018 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting be held in our region's largest community, Dillingham, with the proposed back up dates of December 12-18, 2018. These dates will ensure that the region's stakeholder's, who are also potentially interested in the proceedings of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC), are able to fully participate in both meetings, and to avoid potential conflicted meeting dates.

The residents of Bristol Bay are the most affected from decisions made by regulatory bodies such as the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and the region deserves to host the meeting in 2018. The last 2015 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting took place in Anchorage. Further, the Naknek/King Salmon region hosted the Board of Fish in 2012, so it makes sense for Dillingham to host the next Bristol Bay finfish meeting. It costs hundreds of dollars for an individual plane ticket to go from Bristol Bay communities to Anchorage, and thousands of dollars when combining lodging and other incidental expenses for Bristol Bay residents. It's been a decade when the last Board of Fisheries meeting was held in Dillingham, back in 2006.



Looking at the Criteria of Consideration in reviewing meeting locations, Dillingham has multiple hotels and lodging entities, dining facilities, ground transportation and other necessities needed for a successful meeting. The community has proven itself to host national leaders and their staff, such as President Obama in 2015. BBNA is willing to work with the Alaska Board of Fisheries, as well as our partner organizations and other stakeholders in the region, on necessary logistics for the meeting. We are looking forward to hosting stakeholders in the community we call home, as well as residents from villages throughout the Bristol Bay region, who will find it more affordable to travel to Dillingham to attend this important meeting, rather than having to travel to a more distant part of Alaska.

Allowing local participation in fishery regulatory processes leads to more local confidence in the system. When more local people are heard by our decision-makers, especially people who are the residents of the region where decisions are being made--it gives more credibility to the process. We at BBNA are ecstatic to help host the 2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries because we understand how critical the issues are to our tribal members and residents of the region. Having the meeting in Bristol Bay will also allow Board of Fisheries members to experience the region that our national leaders proclaim "A National Treasure."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ralph Anderson".

Ralph Anderson
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President and CEO



GOLDEN KING CRAB COALITION

Linda Kozak – Consultant

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Date: October 4, 2016
To: Alaska Board of Fisheries
From: Linda Kozak, Golden King Crab Coalition
Subject: Agenda Change Request #8

The Golden King Crab Coalition is in support of the Agenda Change Request submitted by the Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation to allow for a change in the fishery closure date for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery.

We believe this ACR complies with the criteria established by the Board and since the BSAI crab fisheries will be addressed in March during this cycle, the proposal is appropriate for the Board to address.

For a Fishery Conservation Purpose or Reason

As the crab fleet has worked in the past few years with ADF&G to develop an annual cooperative survey design, we have been successful in establishing a survey in the eastern portion of the district and have conducted pre-survey work with the department in the western portion. This cooperative survey takes place at the beginning of the fishery and could take two weeks or more to complete in the western area.

This past June when the fleet met with ADF&G to review the grid patterns for the western portion of the survey, the concern was raised that since this fishery is slow-paced, with soak times exceeding 20 days, the western fleet may not have adequate time to fully prosecute their fishery. The vessel owners and skippers did not fully realize the time commitment for this industry funded survey until that meeting.

The survey costs, other than an ADF&G technician, are borne by the vessel owners and the lost fishing time could mean substantial lost revenue for the vessel and crew, as well as the processor located at Adak.

It is imperative that we develop this cooperative annual survey that will work for the fleet, while providing the department with the needed information to better manage the fishery. With the funding challenges facing the State of Alaska, there should be an active effort to find more cooperative ways to work with the industry. This survey is an example of a way to achieve the conservation goals for sustainable management, while being flexible to work with the concerns of the harvesters.



Dear Board of Fish Members,

I highly encourage you to hold the Bristol Bay Finfish meetings in Bristol Bay, this upcoming cycle and every cycle after that. There is infrastructure to support this, albeit maybe not as fancy as Anchorage. It seems pretty simple that the meetings that affect regional issues should be decided in those regions. Otherwise it is silencing to those that are affected by the changes. Or only those with enough money to fly out of Bristol Bay can attend the meetings.

I have personally been affected by the choice of an urban location over an in region location as I was not able to defend my proposal or even speak to it and thus leading to its defeat. I thought I would be able to call in to at least speak. This was not the case. I had no voice because I was not able to go to Anchorage. There should have been a call in line. The argument that the meetings would go on forever and how it would be managed are secondary to giving shareholders the ability to participate. I did write in but another page of paper in comments among thousands of pages on the board members desks is no match to a person passionately pleading their case nor am I able to address other comments in a timely matter. If you do decide to hold the meetings out of region this should at the very least be researched and a call in or video conference should be considered.

I have heard the comment that half of the permits are in Anchorage or can get to Anchorage. People seem to be able to get to Bristol Bay each summer to fish it seems like they could make the same effort to participate in shaping the future of the fishery. If this is policy that also leaves out of state as a possible meeting place. That doesn't seem like a good idea for the above mentioned reasons.

I appreciate you listening to my comments and I look forward to participating in future Board of Fish meetings in person, in writing, and in spirit.

Thank you

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Re: AK Board of Fish Meeting Location
Date: Tuesday, October 04, 2016

On behalf of the Aleknagik Traditional Council members, we would like to recommend the 2018 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting be held in Dillingham because of the costs and difficulty for residents to attend the meeting in Anchorage. We feel there will be a lot more valuable input from residents in Dillingham and the surrounding communities if the meeting is held in the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
ALEKNAGIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL


Allen Ilutsik, Tribal Administrator



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A RESOLUTION TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE SPORT FISHING BY UPDATING ALASKA'S FISH HABITAT PERMITTING LAWS

WHEREAS, Alaska boasts 3,000 rivers, 3 million lakes and 6,640 miles of coastline and stands alone as the last state in the United States with robust salmon runs and habitat;

WHEREAS, Alaska's original industry, fishing, remains a reliable economic engine for countless Alaskan families, communities, and businesses, including fishing guides, local businesses, and tourism operators, driving billions of dollars in economic activity and revenue for the state of Alaska;

WHEREAS, more than 450,000 Alaska residents and visitors annually participate in

Alaska's sport fisheries; Alaska supports over 1,150 sportfishing businesses and licensed over 2,788 sport fishing guide businesses, with 87% reporting Alaska residency, and generates roughly \$1.4 billion in angler related expenditures annually;

WHEREAS, an annual average of 300,000 anglers a year or 81% of Alaska's freshwater sportfishing - for all five species of salmon, rainbow trout, arctic char, dolly varden and grayling - occurs in Southcentral Alaska;

WHEREAS, in Alaska, anglers recognize salmon as a renewable resource for both food and employment; and filling our freezers with salmon or catching prized resident fish on a pristine river are integral to the Alaskan identity.

WHEREAS, Alaska Fly Fishers represents over 440 members and has a mission of: "to preserve the sport of fly fishing, advance the principles of fair chase and fair catch, educate members and the public in the necessity of preserving our outdoor heritage, promote the ethical utilization of all the resources of our woods and waters, and to organize and unite the fly fishers of Alaska for mutual and community benefit."

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution reserves fish, wildlife and water for the people of Alaska and directs the state to sustainably manage and maintain our wild salmon resources for future generations;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska issues several thousand permits annually to develop projects in fish habitat;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Title 16 is the Alaska statute that guides how the State of Alaska issues permits for development projects that may impact salmon habitat;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Fish Habitat Permitting law has not been updated since statehood and lacks explicit directives to protect Alaska

salmon consistent with the Alaska Constitution;



WHEREAS, The Board of Fish Sustainable Salmon Policy states that to maintain sustained yield in Alaska fisheries, "salmon habitats should not be perturbed beyond natural boundaries of variation; . . . all essential salmon habitat in marine, estuarine, and freshwater ecosystems and access of salmon to these habitats should be protected; ... [and] salmon habitat in fresh water should be protected on a watershed basis;"

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries was created to for the "*conservation* and development of the fishery resources of the state" on a sustained yield basis;

WHEREAS, at their October 18, 2016 Work Session in Soldotna, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will consider recommending to the Legislature that the salmon habitat protection provisions from the Board of Fish Sustainable Salmon Policy be added to the fish habitat permitting provision of Title 16;

WHEREAS, a reliable and certain fish habitat permitting process balances responsible development and the protection of Alaska's salmon stocks in Southcentral Alaska and throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY ALASKA FLY FISHERS

That Alaska Fly Fishers supports the Alaska Board of Fisheries using its authority to recommend to the Alaska Legislature that Title 16 be updated to incorporate the salmon habitat protection principles from Alaska's Sustainable Salmon Policy.

Patrick J. Malone,

President, Alaska Fly Fishers



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I would like to recommend the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting being held in 2018 be located in Dillingham Alaska. I feel the relationship of community to Board of Fish topic is very important. Dillingham is a regional hub servicing many communities in Bristol Bay. This would make the meeting more accessible to stakeholders. I believe this would highly benefit Bristol Bay stakeholders. Dillingham meets the criteria for meeting location consideration. We have not hosted a Bristol Bay Finfish meeting since 2006 and I believe it would be a great time. Thank you for your time and I look forward to the next Board of Fish Bristol Bay Finfish meeting.

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A RESOLUTION TO ENSURE A FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE SPORTFISHING IN ALASKA BY UPDATING FISH HABITAT PERMITTING LAWS

WHEREAS, Alaska contains an astounding 12,000 rivers, 3 million lakes and over 6,640 miles of coastline and truly is the final frontier in the United States in regards to robust salmon runs and pristine habitat;

WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries remain the most reliable economic sector and supports thousands of Alaskan families, dozens of communities, and hundreds of businesses, contributing billions of dollars in critical economic activity and revenue for the state;

WHEREAS, 450,000 Alaska residents and visitors annually enjoy Alaska's sport fisheries; Alaska is home to over thousands of sportfishing businesses, guide operations, and outfitters that generate approximately \$1.4 billion in fishing related expenditures every year;

WHEREAS, each year 81% of Alaska's freshwater sportfishing occurs in Southcentral Alaska where anglers can fish for all five species of salmon, rainbow trout, arctic char, dolly varden and grayling;

WHEREAS, in Alaska, salmon are a powerful renewable resource for food, income, and employment; whether it's filling our freezers with salmon for winter or cashing trophy trout on a pristine river, our robust fisheries integral to the identity of the Alaskan angler;

WHEREAS, the Southcentral Alaska Trout Unlimited Chapter represents 450 members and operates throughout Southcentral Alaska to protect and conserve cold water fish and their habitat;

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution reserves the fish, wildlife and water for the people of Alaska and directs the state to sustainably manage and maintain our wild salmon resources for future generations;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska issues thousands of permits annually to develop projects in habitat critical to anadromous fish;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Title 16 is the Alaska statute that guides how the State of Alaska issues permits for development projects that may impact salmon habitat;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Fish Habitat Permitting law has not been updated since statehood and lacks explicit directives to protect Alaska salmon consistent with the Alaska Constitution;

WHEREAS, The Board of Fish Sustainable Salmon Policy states that to maintain sustained yield in Alaska fisheries, "salmon habitats should not be perturbed beyond natural boundaries of variation; . . . all essential salmon habitat in marine, estuarine, and freshwater ecosystems and access of salmon to these habitats should be protected; . . . [and] salmon habitat in fresh water should be protected on a watershed basis;"

WHEREAS, at their October 18, 2016 Work Session in Soldotna, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will consider recommending to the Legislature that the salmon habitat protection provisions from the Board of Fish Sustainable Salmon Policy be added to the fish habitat permitting provision of Title 16;

WHEREAS, an improved fish habitat permitting process, that is reliable and carefully balances responsible development while protecting Alaska's salmon stocks, is crucial for the future of salmon stocks in Southcentral Alaska and throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA TROUT UNLIMITED CHAPTER

That the Southcentral Alaska Trout Unlimited Chapter fully supports the Alaska Board of Fisheries use of its authority to recommend to the Alaska Legislature that Title 16 be updated to encompass the salmon habitat protection principles contained in Alaska's Sustainable Salmon Policy.



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October 4, 2016

Boards Support Section
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Board of Fisheries Members:

This is my letter requesting that the Board consider Stock of Yield Concern designation for specific Northern Cook Inlet king salmon stocks that by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) emergency regulation have had no allowable in Unit sport harvest over the past 2 - 4 years.

This list would include all Unit 2, Unit 3, Unit 5, and Unit 6 of the Susitna River king salmon stocks.

It has come to my attention over the past week that the department may not be including discussion of any of these important and formerly heavily utilized king salmon stocks in its discussion of potential Upper Cook inlet stocks of concern to the Board of Fisheries on the basis that no new stocks have failed to attain or are expected to fail to attain escapement objectives for 5 consecutive years. Such a position would not include any discussion of stocks that should clearly qualify for Stocks of Yield Concern. A solid argument based on sport fishery harvests over the past 5 years could be made that ALL Northern Cook Inlet king salmon stocks should qualify as Stocks of Yield Concern. Even more alarming, and needing recognition, however, are stocks where no legal (in Unit) harvest of king salmon has been allowed over the past several years. Such designation could be made by individual stream stocks or on an all inclusive unit - wide basis.

Taking a brief look at yield within these fisheries, according to ADF&G Fishery Management Report No. 13-50 in 2011 Unit 2 king salmon harvest was 2,710 fish — approximately 66% less than the 2001 — 2010 average. In 2012 a preseason emergency order attempted to reduce sport king salmon harvest by 50% over the entire Susitna River drainage — but the season was further closed by emergency order on June 25. A comment in this report mentioned that the eastside harvest (Unit 2) during 2012 with these combined emergency regulations was AT LEAST A 95% Reduction.

Further upriver in Unit 5 (the Talkeetna River Drainage) the report states the harvest reduction was likely 75% in 2012.

Although the report does not mention specific percentages of reduction for Unit 3 Upstream of the Talkeetna river drainage and Unit 6 the Chulitna River drainage, an assumption could be made that since both of these fisheries are located further upriver with even later run timing the net result of harvest reductions was likely even greater during 2012 (remember that emergency order that closed the entire Susitna River drainage to king salmon harvest on June 25). From



2013 —2016, a period of 4 years all Susitna River drainage Units and streams where ADF&G closed king salmon harvest by preseason emergency order had a 100% reduction in legal sport harvest. Therefore, with 5 years of reduced harvest of 75% or more during one year (2012) and 100% on the remaining 4 years (2013 — 2016) this should easily fit the criteria —at least for discussion — as potential Stocks of Yield Concern. If that is not enough, consider that the Department is not planning to allow any legal sport harvest within Unit 2, Unit 3, Unit 5, and Unit 6 in 2017.

Thank You for your careful consideration of the Stock Status of Susitna River king salmon,

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p.s. individual king salmon stocks to consider for inclusion would include: Little Willow Creek,, Montana Creek, Clear Creek, Prairie Creek, East Fork Chulitna River — all streams with goals. Steams without goals but with similar king salmon harvest reductions would include Kashwitna River, Rabideux Creek, Trapper Creek, Indian River, Portage Creek.



October 4, 2016

Alaska Board of Fisheries
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RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting location and dates for the 2018/2019 Bristol Bay Finfish cycle.

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

My name is Verner Wilson III and I was born and raised in Dillingham. I grew up commercial, sport and subsistence fishing with my family in the Bristol Bay region. As someone who has worked on Bristol Bay's natural resource issues in both my personal and professional life for over a decade, I can attest that Dillingham would be an excellent site for the 2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish meeting. It is because of the warm people, the friendly accommodations and sense of community on why I believe this.

Dillingham has hosted many natural resource managers from all levels of government, and thus has the experience to bring about a successful meeting. I'm sure that just by telling my neighbors that the Board of Fisheries is making important decisions in Dillingham, it would automatically spark their interest in helping out and getting involved.

I also recommend that the 2018 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting be held during the dates of December 12-18, 2018 to avoid conflict with the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting. Our fisheries resources are integral to most people here, and giving them a chance to fully participate in both fisheries-related management organizations is important.

Further, I hope that the Board of Fisheries will continue to have separate meeting times for Bristol Bay and Area M Finfish issues, with Bristol Bay beginning in December, as in past years. This will ensure that stakeholders who are interested in both meetings may be able to fully attend and participate in both of them.

Hosting this meeting in Dillingham won't just help our local economy in Bristol Bay—but it would also ensure more community members have a rightful seat at the decision-making table on the issues that are important for their livelihoods. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Gary Stevens
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January 30, 2010

Dear Representative Chenault and Senator Stevens,

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) was established by the Alaska Legislature, "For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources of the state," (AS 16.05.221 (a)). The BOF is tasked by AS 16.05.251 (a) to "adopt regulations it considers advisable in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedures Act) for (1) setting apart fish reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the waters of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the legislature;" and "(7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of fish".

With these directives in mind, the BOF held a meeting in Anchorage in December, 2009, for the purpose of considering regulatory proposals pertaining to Bristol Bay fisheries. Among them was a non-regulatory proposal asking the BOF to recommend that the Alaska Legislature create a fish refuge in the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages. The authors of the proposal requested it because of concerns that creation and operation of the Pebble Mine would result in environmental damage to the fish and game habitat in the two drainages.

Before public testimony was heard, the state agencies charged with permitting large mine projects made presentations to the BOF for the purpose of showing how the permitting process worked and what safeguards are provided to protect against environmental damage that might be caused by large scale mine operations.

Many members of the public from a wide range of interests testified at the meeting. A large number of these were Bristol Bay watershed residents. The majority believed that a refuge should be established with many believing that the permitting process would be inadequate to protect the fisheries habitat within the drainages. A significant number of others, many also watershed residents, testified that a refuge was unnecessary and would prohibit legitimate economic development of the area and restrict traditional uses like subsistence hunting and fishing. Some also believed that the permitting process was sufficient to protect the area.

One thing that everyone, on all sides of the issue, had in common was concern for the protection of the Bristol Bay fisheries. They disagreed on what that protection should be.

While the BOF recognizes that no specific permitting plan has yet been proposed for the development and operation of the Pebble Mine, the board is still very concerned about the Pebble Mine development because of its potential magnitude. Both proponents and opponents of the Pebble Mine have publically stated that this development could be larger than any mining operation ever created in Alaska.

Because the habitat of the potentially affected drainages is so critical to the fish and game resources of Bristol Bay, the BOF respectfully requests that the Legislature conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the permitting protections and standards, including regulations and statutes, which provide safeguards against environmental damage. After such evaluation, we further request that the legislature enact any additional safeguards which are considered prudent to provide strict protections to the fish and game habitat of the drainages to prevent any chance of environmental damage.

The various state permitting agencies also need the financial ability to properly monitor and enforce their permit standards.

Whatever the legislature decides to do regarding the public concerns expressed about future development in this area, we would request that subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering; commercial fishing; personal use; and sport hunting and fishing activities on state lands in this region continue to be protected for the local residents and all Alaskans.

To assist the Legislature in its evaluation, we are enclosing copies of the presentations by the state agencies and copies of the testimony by the public.

If the Alaska Board of Fisheries can be of any further assistance, please let me know what we can do to help.

Sincerely,



Vince Webster
Chairman, Alaska Board of Fisheries

cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Denby Lloyd, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
Tom Irwin, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources
Larry Hartig, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation



From: [Cecilia Kleinkauf](#)
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Subject: Improvement in Title 16
Date: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 5:08:36 PM

10/4/16

To the Alaska Board of Fish;

I want to add my support to the proposal asking the Board of Fish to recommend that the legislature improve Title 16 and use the habitat criteria in the Sustainable Salmon Policy to define what constitutes the "proper protection of Fish & Game. Thank you for your attention to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Cecilia "Pudge" Kleinkauf

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