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DEVELOPMENT OF A RAINBOW TROUT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NAKNEK RIVER

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The Board of Fisheries tabled consideration of proposals 124, 125, and 127 concerning the recreational fishery for rainbow trout in the Naknek River until the 1998-99 regulatory cycle. These proposals speak to development of a management plan for this fishery and the Board wants to ensure a comprehensive approach to this issue. To this end, and in conjunction with the department, a joint workgroup is charged with the following assignment.

Develop a plan that addresses management objectives intended to ensure conservation of resources and a diversity of angling opportunities, consistent with the policies found in the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan. It is the intent of the Board that this planning effort be comprehensive with respect to Naknek River rainbow trout stocks and fishery and may require:

a review stock status of the rainbow trout resource and principles of management;

a review of the present regulatory structure; and

development of a regulatory package that provides for sustained yield.

The goal of this plan should be to develop clear management objectives that address biological and social concerns related to the management of this fishery.

John White, Chairman