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**Formal comments of the Alaska Board of Fisheries 2012/2013 proposed changes in the statewide finfish and supplemental issues.**

The positions and comments listed here represent those of the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council and professional staff within the Native Village of Eyak's Department of Environment and Natural Resources. We thank the Board for allowing us the opportunity to voice our collective opinions on the proposed regulation changes. We will have numerous representatives available at the March meeting for further discussion on our positions and views.

Proposal	Position	Comments
216	Oppose	
217	Oppose	Although NVE acknowledges the statewide King salmon crisis, the measures proposed here are arbitrary and should not be applied to salmon fisheries statewide. Management actions should reflect relevant and sound information and be stock specific.
219	Support	If these terms/criteria are used to manage State fisheries, then definitions should be provided to facilitate discussion and understanding among managers and stakeholders.
220	Support	With new technology, managers should allow every possible avenue for resource users to complete registration requirements. Furthermore, coded regulations should reflect actual management practices. However, we encourage the continued use of registration by mail for those users without access to telephone, facsimile, or e-mail.
222	Support	Although we generally do not support greater complexity in regulations, carrying personal identification is fairly standard and improves managers' ability to ensure compliance.
224	Support	We support the use of current technologies to disperse EO information. However, ADFG should be required to disperse EO information by <b>all</b> reasonable means. Resource users without internet access may not receive this information if this is the only method used for dispersion of EO announcements. Change the following language used in the regulation, "...by <b>one</b> or more of the following means if possible:"
226	Support	Area regulations should reflect statewide regulations to avoid unnecessary enforcement situations.



Proposal	Position	Comments
227	Support	The department should have the authority to decrease sport proxy limits and methods for conservation reasons.
228	Support	The practice of "high grading" is wasteful and offensive to our traditional subsistence way of life. It is commonplace for anglers to retain and stress fish past the point of recovery only to be released when a larger fish is caught.
229	Support	We support any regulation that improves harvest accountability and curtails blatant abuse of annual limits, especially for sport fish. With the king salmon crisis going on statewide, there is an even greater need to tighten up ship and stop intentional and unreported overharvest.
230	Support	See comments, proposal 229
231	Undecided	While we support regulations that hinder big, out of state guide outfits from abusing the system and taxing our resources, this definition could unintentionally harm individuals who take visiting friends or family out on fishing trips. The Board should discuss a possible space/time amendment to this definition.
232	Support	
233	Oppose	
234	Oppose	Although NVE recognizes that lead shot poses a threat to wildlife, this proposed regulation is too vague and restrictive concerning affected location.
235	Support	Voluntary, Post-season random harvest reporting for statewide sport fisheries falls short to accurately account for harvests. Insidiously, this incomplete and possibly biased information is then used to affect management, EO actions, and allocations to other fisheries. Sport fisheries should be subject to the same scrutiny as other fisheries where timely reporting is mandatory. This issue will only be exacerbated as more and more people flock to Alaska's waters to sport fish and then leave with her resources unchecked.
243	Support	
247	Oppose	Commercial fishing has been the customary fishery in this area for generations and should not be compromised to benefit sport fishing.
248	Support	We support regulatory actions that add clarity and facilitate adherence to regulations.