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Dear Members of the Alaska Board of Fish,

I am urging you to give the Commissioner of Fish and Game the authority to reduce number of nets per permit in Cook Inlet, if there is a King Salmon conservation problem similar to the 2012 season.

The Commissioner could reduce or modify gear from 3 nets to 2, or 3 nets to one. I would hope that this need not to happen, yet if it allows set net fishermen the ability to harvest sockeye when they are on the beaches, I and many fishermen around me are in favor of this. The intent and wording would be part of the Cook Inlet Task Force. The regulation would only be in effect for the 2013 season, then it would sunset. This gear reduction might go in concert with step down plans if the Kenai River goes to "catch and release".

Thank you,

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