KENAI RIVER SPORTFISHING
— ASSOCIATION —

Kenai River Sportfishing Association submitted ACR #5, which seeks to correct errors in regulation related to the Central District Drift Gillnet Salmon Management Plan in Upper Cook Inlet.

In August, the BOF delegated authority to the Commissioner to correct these errors in regulation, and the Commissioner has proceeded to do so.

KRSA will withdraw ACR #5 if the process to correct the errors in regulations has been finalized consistent with the instructions per the BOF to the Commissioner.

Submitted by Kenai River Sportfishing Association

Comments from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) – North Pacific Fishery Management Council advisory body. *September /October 2011 meeting*
Submitted by ADF&G - *10/5/11*

Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Model

The SSC received a presentation from Siddeek (ADFG) on ongoing model development for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab stock. Authors incorporated many of the SSC and CPT recommendations into this version.

Although the current model fits some datasets well (e.g., length frequencies), several important issues remain. First, it is not clear that the length frequency data are very informative; that is, they seem almost static and it is not clear that time series of length frequency data show the progression of strong year classes through the fishery. Second, recent sharp increases in fishery CPUE are at odds with declines in survey catches and the relatively stable discard length data. There is major concern that changes in fishing behavior since fishery rationalization may bias the fishery CPUE time series. The authors have trimmed the very largest and smallest CPUEs using a 95th percentile rule in an attempt to remove effects of very small or large CPUEs, but very few outliers were actually removed. Although it may be wise to eliminate non-representative data from the analysis and perhaps some type of data trimming should be further investigated, this approach does not address the potential for systematic bias associated with potential widespread changes in fishing behavior. Third, the SSC is also concerned that the large number of penalty functions in the model may drive model results.