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KRSA clarifies support for proposals 82, 83 and 84

In PC 06, for proposals 82, 83 and 84, KRSA supports the concept of establishing salmon hatchery management plans and special harvest areas to put into regs how the cost recovery fisheries of CIAA will be managed.

However, we are concerned with the intent of language in these proposals that would appear to prioritize through time and area cost recovery efforts of CIAA above any and all common property fisheries. "Hatchery harvest" (proposal 82 and 84), "harvest goals" (proposal 83) and other specifics in the proposed management plans need further review and clarification as to impacts on the other common property user groups.

Additionally, it is unclear what impact in proposal 84 has on the common property fisheries (including coho sport fisheries) by having the harvest time for salmon within the Bear Lake Special Harvest Area be from May 15 through October 31, for which the ending date extends way beyond the traditional end of the harvest season for sockeye in Resurrection Bay.

KRSA does not support proposal 85 because of its exclusionary focus to prohibit / reduce sport fishing opportunity in Resurrection River. We therefore do not support enactment of management plans for cost recovery that would reduce or deny opportunity in common property fisheries for sockeye and or coho through enactment of these management plans.

Common property uses and user groups are essential in any hatchery management plan. In recent years the Alaska State Legislature has appropriated significant amounts of monies from the general fund to support private non-profit hatchery efforts statewide (including CIAA - \$1 million in FY 13 for Trail Lakes Hatchery) as well as research monies to study the impacts of hatcheries on wild stocks of salmon.