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**Attention: Chairman Johnstone, and Board Members Morisky, Jensen, Kluberton, Jeffrey, Huntington & Johnson**

Dear Members of the Board of Fisheries,

The action taken by the members of the Board of Fisheries at the 2014 Anchorage finfish meeting is to be applauded on all levels by residents here in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. The Board's commitment in addressing the issues regarding the lack of salmon in the Mat Valley rivers and taking a proactive approach in resolving these matters with objectivity is to be commended.

We in the Matsu understand that this is a contentious issue as it pertains to the commercial fishing fleet, and we believe that there was resolve in an equitable way to address the concerns of all users and we feel that with insight and broad perspective you have brought balance for all users of the salmon fisheries. The people in the Valley have felt that their voices have not been heard in the past and we are appreciative that this is no longer the case. Matsu residents lobbied hard for our salmon fishing interests and are encouraged that we have now been heard. This will be a positive move forward in reclaiming our lifestyle that we all truly cherish and one of many reasons as to why we live here.

In closing, I want to thank you for acknowledging and responding to the concerns of Valley residents.

Respectfully,

  
Joan C. Nininger

