

Department Natural Resources

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Alaska Department of Fish & Game Board of Fisheries 333 Raspberry Road Anchorage, AK 99518-1565

Re: Board of Fisheries Proposal #233

To Whom It May Concern:

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The City of Soldotna has submitted a proposal to the Board of Fisheries that would close fishing on the Kenai River near the Centennial Boat Launch. Proposal 233 was submitted by the City of Soldotna to help promote an orderly fishery and will prohibit fishing in the lagoon from July 1 – August 30 of each year. Historically, there have been conflicts with bank anglers and power boaters in this area and the City of Soldotna has submitted this proposal to address this issue.

The Alaska Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation is tasked with managing recreational uses within the Kenai River Special Management Area. DPOR supports this proposal and believes it will promote an orderly fishery, reduce conflicts with bank anglers and power boats, and improve public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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Area Superintendent





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ADVISORY BOARD

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Re: Board of Fisheries Proposal 233

Dear Board Members:

The Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board recently discussed the City of Soldotna's proposed regulation (#233) that is currently before the Board of Fisheries. The City of Soldotna has submitted this proposal to address conflicts with power boaters and bank anglers at the Centennial Boat Launch lagoon on the Kenai River. This proposal would be effective July 1 – August 30 of each year.

The KRSMA Advisory Board believes this proposal will reduce conflicts with power boaters and bank anglers, improve public safety, and promote an orderly fishery. The KRSMA Advisory Board supports this proposal and urges the Board of Fisheries to implement this regulation.

Sincerely

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President KRSMA Board





