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Board of Fish
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RE: Testimony: Board of Fish:

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members

Good day Mr, Chairman and Board of Fisheries members. My name is Steve Lee and I am the plant manager for Pacific Star Seafoods, Inc. and Salmatof Fisheries located in Kenai.

- First: thanks to all board members for the extreme large amount time it takes to work on the Board and making these difficult decisions. Thank you.
- I represent a registered Alaska corporation with 200 employees and a payroll of \$1,500,000.00 and I wish to provide some brief remarks about the significance of the Cook Inlet commercial sockeye salmon fishery to my company and the regional economy.
- The seafood processing facility has operated on the Kenai River for over 100 years. Our company has owned and operated the plant going on ten years. The company is dependent on the sockeye salmon production of drift net boats and shorebased set net family owned businesses on the Kenai Peninsula, as the main stay product that supports our operations.
- The commercial sockeye salmon fishery is the core fishery that is responsible for us being able to maintain plant operations on the Peninsula, and to attract halibut, black cod, and Pacific cod from this region, and to also attract salmon species from other regions, including Bristol Bay, the Yukon River, Kotzebue and Prince William Sound.

- Regulatory stability, meaning stability in fishery allocations from year to year is exceedingly important to our business planning and it is sorely needed for long term sustainability of our industry. We ask the Board of Fisheries to prioritize our request for stability and when promulgating regulations, they also consider our planning and logistical needs that require an orderly harvest.

Thank you



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