

SOUTH K BEACH INDEPENDENT**FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

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Alaska Board of Fisheries
Board Support Section
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RE: Cook Inlet Regulatory Meeting 01.31- 02.13/14

Proposal 207

Chairman Karl Johnstone,

SOKI would like to protest the adoption of a non scientifically justified OEG of 16,600 escapement goal for late run Kenai king salmon. The Department has commented that they cannot determine with any accuracy that an additional 1,600 fish above the SEG of 1,500 will result in any gain to the yield. We find it incredulous that the Board of Fisheries would interject their own political "science" over the credible scientifically defensible expertise of the state of Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

We believe that as prescribed in 5 AAC 39.223 that a sufficient review of the changes from an SEG to an OEG have not been adequately addressed on the record. Specifically, the adverse impacts to other users other than the commercial fisheries. The inriver user has not been considered in this required review.

We highly urge the BOF to reconsider their action to insure a fair and equitable process for the people of the State of Alaska.

Thank you,

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Spokesperson