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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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FROM: Jeff Regnart, Director
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SUBJECT: Lower Cook Inlet
Stock of Concern
Recommendations

and

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The *Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries* (SSFP; 5 AAC 39.222) directs the department to report to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) on the status of salmon stocks and identify any stocks that present a concern related to yield, management, or conservation during regular board meetings. This memorandum summarizes the results of the stock of concern evaluation for Lower Cook Inlet (LCI) salmon stocks for the 2013 board regulatory cycle. The evaluation includes input from regional and area management staff from both fishery divisions.

Salmon escapements in LCI are primarily monitored by multiple aerial and/or foot surveys of stream reaches that can be monitored. There are 40 escapement goals in LCI. No LCI stocks have had a chronic inability to achieve their escapement goals (Munro and Volk 2013); therefore, we recommend that no stocks of concern be established.

Literature Cited

Munro, A. R., and E. C. Volk. 2013. Summary of Pacific salmon escapement goals in Alaska, with a review of escapements from 2004 to 2012. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Fishery Manuscript Series No. 13-05, Anchorage.