



Prince William Sound
Aquaculture Corporation

RC 015

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Tom Kluberton, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
PO Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

RE: Record Comment – Support for Proposal 203

Dear Mr. Kluberton,

The Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) is a private nonprofit corporation established to produce hatchery-born, ocean-raised wild salmon for the commercial, sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries of the Prince William Sound region. PWSAC operations are financed primarily by a cost-recovery program and supplemented by a voluntary salmon enhancement tax paid by commercial fishermen.

The organization operates four remote hatcheries in Prince William Sound and one inland on the Gulkana River. Three of the five hatcheries are state-owned facilities which PWSAC provides management and fish culture expertise at no cost to the state under a professional services agreement with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

Five species of salmon are currently produced: pink, chum, coho, sockeye, and Chinook. PWSAC salmon play an important role in the Prince William Sound sport fisheries, contributing an average of 36,000 fish annually.

Similar to broodstock, the cost-recovery program is a basic and fundamental requirement needed to ensure the program's continued success.

PWSAC supports Proposal 203. The proposal provides clarity and authority consistency between the ADF&G Sport Fisheries and Commercial Fisheries Divisions to manage the enhanced salmon fisheries to achieve hatchery escapement goals.

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