

RC 218

Alaska Salmon Alliance

RE: 133 -SACC 21.355 Reporting requirements;

The ASA supports this proposal with the following changes;

We prefer the reporting requirement length over all to be 28" rather than the proposed 20" because 28" overall corresponds to the new Didson visual interpretation of Chinooks. In addition the 28" length more closely matches the description of a Jack Chinook in other areas of the state of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

However, if the board feels that a 20" demarcation is important, our second choice would then be to use both 20" and 28" , in other words Chinooks would be reported in three categories, 20" and under, 20" to 28" and 28" and larger. Although the 3 category reporting would be more cumbersome than the 2 category reporting, we feel that this is important enough to adapt our recording procedures accordingly.

We understand the implications to having these requirements in regulation, but we feel that having this information promptly and reliably collected submitted to the Department will be beneficial to all user groups.