

Alaska Board of Fisheries

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Prince William Sound Finfish

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Letter in Opposition to Proposal 5 - Close a portion of Main Bay to sport fishing

I have been utilizing the Main Bay sport fishery for sockeye salmon on an annual basis since 2003. It is a great area for me to take family and visitors where they can observe the benefits of a state owned hatchery and commercial fishing, while at the same time making use of the resource for our own freezers.

This proposal is in direct opposition to the PWSAC mission statement, which includes sport and personal use. Between the tremendous increase in commercial pressure in Main Bay itself and a barrier net being utilized to allow PWSAC to volitionally manage the stock, the personal use boats have been effectively forced into a small area of opportunity to make use of this fishery. The reality of the net, commercial pressure AND a 100 foot regulatory barrier will bring an end to the sport fishing opportunity provided by the Main Bay sockeye run.

This proposal does not conserve nor develop the resource and should be opposed.

Respectfully,

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