

October 16, 2014

Thank you for accepting ACR#8 and forming a committee to consider the issues raised by Mr. Fairbanks. We are concerned that the Board limited consideration of the issues raised in the ACR to only “gear-related” for the Board’s March 2015 meeting. We understand that the complex issues involved with a Tier II or other permitting activity may be difficult or impossible to implement for 2015 if adopted in March, but we also strongly feel that the option to subdivide the river-wide amount necessary for subsistence for Chinook salmon should also be on the table for the March meeting. A revised ANS could partially address the concerns about equitable distribution of limited subsistence harvest opportunity, but does not have the implementation difficulty posed by the Tier II or other permitting options. Please include consideration of the ANS for the March agenda, as well.

Respectfully,

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