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Attention; BOF Comments
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Department of Fish and Game,

Please find attached the 9 page response and comments from the Anchorage Advisory Committee concerning the Alaska Board of Fisheries 2007/2008 Proposed Changes to the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik area finfish regulations.

We look forward to the February Meetings in Anchorage.



Bruce Morgan
Anchorage Advisory Board Member

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**Anchorage Advisory Board Response to Proposed Changes in Cook Inlet
2007/2008 Finfish Regulations**

Proposal #	Take		Notes
	Support	Oppose	
73	X		house keeping-puts EO into regulation
74		X	not in my back yard
75		X	not in my back yard
76	X		move more kings into Kenai River
77	X		move more kings into Kenai River
78		X	not enough information
79		X	Coho are already on the decline
80		X	Coho are already on the decline
81		X	Coho are already on the decline
82		X	Coho are already on the decline
83		X	Coho are already on the decline
84		X	Coho are already on the decline
85		X	Coho are already on the decline
86		X	Coho are already on the decline
87	X		must rebuild Coho stock
88		X	see #87
89		X	Makes no sense
90		X	would hurt silver run
91		X	would stop fish from moving north
92		X	department does not support, also conservation concern
93		X	Hurt Kasilof kings-already restricted
94		X	Hurt Kasilof kings-already restricted
95		X	Stay with old plan
96		X	hurt King and Coho return
97		X	hurt King and Coho return
98		X	
99		X	
100		X	affect kings moving North
101		X	affect kings moving North
102		X	drift fleet
103		X	Oppose set netters
104		X	Take no action

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	Support	Oppose	NA	
105		X		Oppose-makes no sense
106		X		Oppose-would take more kings
107	X			Support-maybe should give it a try-less boats in the water
108		X		Oppose-no need to allocate more fish to set netters
109	X			Support-more kings up the river-unanimous
110			X	May not be legal-take no action
111			X	Take no action-need more info
112		X		Oppose-unfair to permit holders
113		X		Move to Kodiak meeting-oppose-harmful to Cook Inlet
114			X	Take no action
115		X		Oppose-worked hard to get current plan
116	X			Support-unanimous more fish for Anchorage residents
117			X	Take no action need more info
118		X		Makes no sense, keep to current management plan
119	X			Support
120	X			Support
121	X			move sockeye up the rivers
122	X			move sockeye up the rivers
123	X			BOF cannot act on this-support unanimous, support the idea
124			X	Take no action
125		X		Oppose-to broad keep in individual plans
126		X		Oppose keep in regulation
127		X		Oppose keep in regulation
128		X		Oppose keep old regulation
129		X		Oppose keep old regulation
130		X		Oppose keep old regulation
131		X		Oppose keep old regulation
132	X			Support-more fish for Anchorage, 1 opposes-item (C) hard to obtain
133		X		Oppose-would target Coho
134		X		Oppose-worked hard to develop these plans
135		X		Oppose-worked hard to develop these plans
136		X		Oppose-worked hard to develop these plans
137		X		Oppose-worked hard to develop these plans
138	X			Supports-trying to get more fish up the rivers
139	X			Share the burden of conservation

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	Support	Oppose	
140	X		Support-unanimous
141		X	Oppose-unanimous
142		X	Oppose-unanimous affect silvers from going north
143		X	Oppose-unanimous affect reds from going north
144		X	Oppose-unanimous affect reds and yetna stock
145		X	Oppose-unanimous affect reds and yetna stock
146		X	want more King harvest in the area where sport fisherman can't retain Kings
147		X	want more King harvest in the area where sport fisherman can't retain Kings
148		X	want more King harvest in the area where sport fisherman can't retain Kings
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151		X	want more King harvest in the area where sport fisherman can't retain Kings
152		X	want more King harvest in the area where sport fisherman can't retain Kings
153		X	Oppose-management issue
154		X	Take no action-let BOF decide
155		X	A disguise to catch more reds and Coho after the season closes.
156		X	Oppose-would target Coho
157		X	Oppose-would target Coho
158		X	Oppose-would harvest Coho
159		X	Oppose-would harvest Coho
160		X	Oppose-would harvest Coho
161		X	Oppose-keep current management plan
162		X	Oppose-keep current management plan
163	X		Oppose-keep current management plan
164	X		Support-move more fish north
165	X		Support-more fish for Anchorage residents
166		X	Support-more fish for Anchorage residents
167		X	Oppose-keep current plan
168		X	Oppose-keep current plan
169		X	Oppose-keep current plan
170		X	Take no action-need more info
171	X		Oppose
172		X	Support-put in sport fishing regulations
173		X	Oppose-keep current plan
174	X		Oppose-keep current plan
			Support take no action

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175					Take no action see 176
176	X				support-need to try something new
177		X			Oppose-It is a missed stock fishery
178					Take no action-need more info
179		X			Take no action-need more info
180			X		Oppose-keep old plan
181					Take no action
182					Take no action
183					Take no action
184					Take no action
185			X		Oppose
186					Take no action
187		X			Oppose-would put less fish up the Kenai
188		X			Oppose-would put less fish up the Kenai
189		X			Oppose-keep current plan
190		X			Oppose-keep current plan
191		X			Oppose-keep current plan
192		X			Oppose-keep current plan
193		X			Oppose-keep current plan
194		X			Oppose-keep current plan
195		X			Oppose need windows for genetic diversity
196		X			Oppose-keep current plan
197		X			Oppose-keep current plan
198		X			Oppose-keep current plan
199		X			Oppose-keep current plan
200		X			Oppose need windows for genetic diversity
201		X			Oppose-keep current plan
202		X			Support-need to get fish into river 36 hours isn't enough time
203	X				Support-put fish in river 1st
204		X			Oppose-Allocate
205				X	Take no action-unable to understand
206	X				Support-would be able to fish on smaller runs and not close d? river
207	X				Support more fish for Anchorage residents
208	X				Support more fish for Anchorage residents
209		X			Oppose-do not fish in commercial in mouth of river anywhere

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210	X	Oppose-very small run
211	X	Oppose-unanimous-reduces the opportunity for Anchorage
212	X	Oppose-unanimous-reduces the opportunity for Anchorage residents
213	X	Oppose-unanimous
214	X	Support-more opportunity for Anchorage residents
215	X	Support-unanimous-good for the goose, good for the gander
216	X	Support-unanimous-good for the goose, good for the gander
217	X	Oppose-no biological reason to support
218	X	Oppose-no biological reason to support
219	X	Oppose-no biological reason to support
220	X	Oppose unanimous more time spent to harvest the fish and more crowding
221	X	bring all regulations for area into compliance
222	X	Opposed 1-will hurt people with 2-stroke who can't afford a new motor
223	X	Take no action-see #221
224	X	Oppose-can't control boat very crowded area
225	X	Support-more opportunity to fill freezers
226	X	House keeping from EO to regulation
227	X	Department supports
228	X	May amend to Sunday
229	X	Amend to Tues. Sat. and Sunday Unanimous
230	X	Support harvest of more hatchery fish-Dept. supports Support unanimous
231	X	Dept. opposes-Sockeyes all in the river 7-01-01 passed
232	X	Dept. neutral-fishing over spawning kings-unanimous
233	X	Doesn't say what they want-no support
234	X	take no action
235	X	Unanimous to oppose-not in my backyard
236	X	6-2-0 as written-in the middle of Dept. study-more info to come
237	X	Oppose-status quo-would change management strategies
238	X	Oppose
239	X	Support-unanimous-more opportunity for residents of Alaska to harvest fish
240	X	only (4) places to land airplane in refuge, in 1984-1985 foot
241	X	survey found 2600 kings but little info since then, Dept. does not support
242	X	We support unanimously
243	X	Oppose-fish stocked lakes
244	X	Oppose-fish stocked lakes

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238	X		Support-more regs consistence, will not have fishing over spawning rainbows
239		X	Oppose-bad policy to fish over spawning fish
240		X	Oppose-kept policy the same
241	X		Support-good fish management
242	X		Support-good fish management
243	X		Support-social issue, 2 oppose no biological concern for this
244		X	Oppose-would affect Kings, red and silvers
245		X	Oppose-enforceable
246		X	Take no action-all ready in force, you can not anchor in navigatable channel
247		X	Oppose-use current regs of 16" up and 18" down
248	X		Support-harvestable supplies
249	X		Support biological concern
250	X		Support similar to Matsu valley
251	X		Amend to thru the ice only
252	X		no brainier, need waiver for northern pixe to prevent wanton waste violation
253		X	Russ R. no problems reports, drift fishery now-oppose unanimously
254		X	youth fisheries but not in ADA-take no action
255		X	Fish under 20"-all (1) ocean males 20"-30" (2) ocean male and females from 14"-34"
256			want harvest both comm. And sport match % historically of the run
257		X	Would go against the total harvest
258		X	talking about the late run only, something needs to be done, but what
259		X	Oppose-(1) ocean fish is 20" and under-covers all Cook Inlet
260		X	rare-take no action
261		X	rare-take no action
262		X	40% of (4) ocean 80% of (5) ocean
263		X	Oppose-stick with current plan
264		X	Oppose-early run already protected
265	X		Oppose-early run already protected
266		X	Support-Depart-housekeeping-unanimous
267		X	by regulations and management plan no bait above moose river-no action
268		X	Oppose-unanimous-start conservational
269		X	Oppose-94% of spawners already up their streams
		X	Oppose-94% of spawners already up their streams

270					X	No action see 271
271	X					Support unanimous as amended-Eagle Rock and down
272		X				Would probably shut down both sport and commercial fish every year oppose
273		X				Oppose unanimously-may close sport but not commercial
274		X				Oppose-would open mouth of Kenai River to commercial fisherman
275		X				Board doesn't have authority-oppose unanimously
276		X				Sport fishing-resident getting less than half of harvest opposed split decision
277		X				Opposed not enforceable
278		X				unable to enforce, could change river to full scale snagging cannot prove intent!
279		X				Oppose-already fished to the max
280		X				Oppose see 279
281		X				Oppose see 279
282	X					Support- unanimous
283	X					small step to try something new, more outboard boat pressure as other days would hurt people who didn't have drift boats
284					X	TNA-see 283
285					X	TNA-see 283
286			X			Oppose would eliminate guides
287					X	TNA-see 283
288					X	TNA-see 283
289					X	TNA-see 283
290					X	TNA-see 283
291					X	Take no action-wait for DNR regulations
292					X	Take no action-wait for DNR regulations
293					X	Take no action-wait for DNR regulations
294					X	Take no action-wait for DNR regulations
295			X			Oppose-reduces opportunity
296			X			Oppose-reduces opportunity
297			X			Oppose-allocation issue
298			X			oppose-hard to enforce-support (2) Bandit guides and illegal harvest
299			X			Oppose social and biological issue
300					X	Take no action-BOF can't do this
301		X				Support concept
302					X	take no action-takes legislation action, not BOF
303		X				Support-good idea

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304	X	Support-good idea
305	X	Support-good idea
306	X	Take no action see 307
307	X	Support-good idea
308		Oppose-restricts to much opportunity
309	X	oppose-allocate
310	X	Oppose
311	X	Oppose
312	X	support concept to stop illegal guide encourage BOF to consider ways to deal with illegal guides
313	X	Support-reduces bank erosion-oppose(1)
314	X	See 313-Take no action
315	X	Support-need to reduce congestion oppose (1)
316	X	Oppose-to broad, unnecessary
317	X	Support and oppose-split decision
318	X	See 315
319	X	Support/oppose-split decision
320	X	Support
321	X	Oppose- boats from Kenal would go to Kasilof
322	X	Oppose-Support/Split
323	X	Oppose-Support/Split
324	X	Oppose-allocate, increases harvest
325	X	Oppose-allocate, increases harvest
326	X	Oppose-hard to track and check guide books
327	X	Oppose
328	X	Support-housekeeping-will be modified, moving from DNR regs to ADF&G
329	X	Support Housekeeping
330	X	Take no position-see 334
331	X	Take no position-see 334
332	X	Take no position-see 334
333	X	Take no position-see 334
334	X	last 4 out of 6 years haven't met escapment, this is the dept. decision
335	X	Oppose-unanimous-run down use cautious approach, run is down for 2008
336	X	Oppose-unanimous-run down use cautious approach, run is down for 2008
337	X	Oppose-unanimous-run down use cautious approach, run is down for 2008

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338		X	Oppose-unanimous-run down use cautious approach, run is down for 2008
339	X	X	Support-unanimous-Andy Couch-Matsu AC proposal
340		X	Oppose-unanimous-streams fished heavily and not meeting escapement
341		X	Oppose-unanimous harmful to resident species
342		X	Oppose-unanimous heavily fished, numbers up and down
343		X	Oppose-unanimous would affect rainbow trout
344		X	Take no action-not enough info
345		X	Oppose-unanimous-mile 32.5 no C&R down stream
346		X	Oppose unanimous already at max harvest rate
347		X	Oppose unanimous
348	X	X	Support but amend to an addition keep clean of clear water streams
349		X	Oppose-heavily fished and some stocks in trouble
350	X	X	Support 5-1 currently being over harvested
351	X		1 opposed-would close at best time of year to ice fish
352	X		Support unanimous
353	X		Support-unanimous would increase harvest or price
354		X	Support unanimous
355		X	Take no action
356		X	Take no action would impact rainbow over wintering
		X	Oppose-stocking comes from Dingel-johnson sports fishing money, PU has not paid for these fish
357		X	Oppose-stock currently in good shape
358		X	Oppose-biological issues, to many small streams with small runs.

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Mat-Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda For 1/09/08
7 PM at MTA Bldg-Palmer

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

Ken	Barber	Present
Brian	Campbell	Present
Mark	Chryson (secretary)	Present
Andy	Couch	Present
Stephen	Darilek	Present
Bennett	Durgeloh	Present
Garrit	Dykstra	Present
Ken	Federico	Present
Bill	Folsom	Present
Denny	Hamann (chair)	Present
Patrick	O'Conner	Present
John	Otchek	Present
Tony	Russ (vice-chair)	Present
Max	Sager (alt)	Present
Lonnie	Stevens (alt)	Excused
Troy	Vincent	Present
Mark	Vingoe	Excused

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- Recognize staff & guests
Large Public showing (75-100 people in attendance)
Bruce Knowles, USVFGAC chair
Tom Payton MtYenloAC chair
Wayne Kubat, Carl Grauvogel Past chairs MSVFGAC
ADF&G
Dave Rutz, Sam Ivy, Jeff Fox, Jeff Regnart Charles Swanton, Lisa Evans
Mark Neuman, Rep
Howard Delo BOF
Larry Engel
- Pass sign up sheet to speak
- Approve minutes of 01/02/08
Pat O'Conner seconded by Bennett Durgeloh,
one change Federico was excused not absent

Calendar of events

- Upper Cook Inlet Finfish comments due by 1/18/08
(The BOF will hold meetings in Soldotna and Wasilla on 1/30/08)

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- Comments for Statewide BOG due by 1/11/08
To be faxed tonight
- Next meetings 1/23/08 , 2/06/08 and 2/20/08 all at MTA
- Recreational Fish Stocking plan comments due by 1/21/08

New Business

- Public testimony

DISCUSSION TO BE ADDED IN AMMENDED MINUTES

BOF Proposals:

(See sub committee minutes for comments attached)

1-7 fishery sub committee meeting votes, all unanimous except # 278

Motion to approve all unanimous vote proposals, to vote as the sub committee voted to reject the ones rejected, approve the ones approved and take no action on the one where no action was taken.

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh
vote as subcommittee
motion passed
15-0-0

The following proposals were approved by the sub committee and thus the committee:

Proposals
203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 260, 280
Were all approved

For proposal 259 please see 260

The following proposals were rejected by the sub committee and thus the committee

Proposals
172, 173, 174, 180, 258, 274, 275, 276, 316
Were all rejected

Proposal 181 no action was taken upon this.

Proposal 278
motion to approve 278
Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

cant allow "unintentional"
amended to remove the word "unintentional" through out proposal.
Made by Andy Couch seconded by Bennett Durgeloh
Amendment approved 13-2-0

Amended Proposal passed 9-6-0

Comment by Dave Rutz... there will be snaggers and they will get kings and rainbows and other non targeted species.

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(See minutes Fisheries sub committee Dec 3, 2007 attached)

Proposal 330

Motion to untable

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

15-0 untabled

Dept comments want to change to reflect this years escapement, don't know when it will stabilize, it will have to be a limited fishery, don't know if dept will stand behind it. Most of the fish are interception fish should be a restricted fishery.

Amendment reads:

Amendment to

1. Reduce Northern District commercial and Central District commercial king salmon fishery back to pre Board of Fisheries 2005 level,
2. Reduce Sport fishing area for king salmon to an ADF&G marker approximately 1/4 mile upstream from the mouth of Alexander Creek,
3. Establish a 2 king salmon seasonal limit within one mile of the mouth of Alexander Creek.

Motion to accept amended 330,

Amendment passed 15-0-0

Motion to support amended proposal 330 passed 15-0-0

Motion to table 169 & 171

Tabled 15-0-0

Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes

Motion to accept decisions of unanimous decisions for proposals 342-358 from minutes from Dec 3, 2007

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

15-0-0

The following proposals were approved by the sub committee and thus the committee:

Proposals

342, 348, 351 353, 355

Were all approved

The following proposals were rejected by the sub committee and thus the committee

Proposals

344, 345, 347, 354, 356, 357, 358

Were all rejected

Proposal 346 was withdrawn.

Proposal 343

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

Not many areas to fish in this area, would catch lots more rainbows
Only a 2 week portion rainbows haven't entered the main stream yet

Proposal failed

2-13-0

Prop 349

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

Bait on big lake

proposal failed

0-11-4

Prop 350

Motion made by Pat O'Conner and seconded by Bennett Durgeloh

motion passed

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Minutes will need to be approved by email vote.

Next meeting Jan 23, 2008 MTA building Palmer.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

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January 14, 2008 Fisheries Sub Committee

January 14, 2008

Matanuska Valley AC Fisheries Subcommittee 3 p.m. -- 5:10 p.m.

present: Andy Couch, Bennett Durgelough, Lonnie Stevens, Troy Vincent, Sam Ivey -- ADF&G
Palmer, Robert Begich -- ADF&G Kenai River trout biologist (by teleconference)

Goals identified by subcommittee for Kenai River trout management: Less torn up trout, minimize regulation impacts on salmon fishery, regulation consistency with lower and upper Kenai River, Abundance of trout, Retain large size trout Kenai River is know for.

1. 4-0 Concensus: May 2 - June 10 flowing waters of Kenai River closed to all fishing from Kenai Lake to Skilak Lake, and below Skilak Lake to Moose River closed to rainbow trout and Dolly Varden fishing. Our Advisory Committee would also suggest including Arctic grayling and lake trout as closed species in the area from Skilak Lake to Moose River to further reduce the loophole of incidentally catching rainbow and dolly varden while supposedly "fishing," for another species during the closed period.
2. 4-0 Concensus: We support having the same size limitations for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout throughout all flowing waters of the Kenai River.
3. 4-0 Concensus: We oppose all the additional proposed hook restrictions, because of their impact on fishing for other species of fish, and also because of their impact on people who may not be very good anglers and may catch few fish even with a barbed, multiple, or large hook. We would certainly encourage people wanting to minimize their impact when rainbow trout and dolly varden fishing to voluntarily use barbless hooks whenever they choose.
4. 4-0 Concensus: We support prohibiting removing rainbow trout from the water during the spawning closure on the Kenai River.
5. 4-0 Concensus: Proposal 246 - We oppose an anchoring restriction at the area below Skilak Lake -- listed closure dates would be too long. The proposed regulations would also be too restrictive on people that would like to fish from an anchor boat, and may pull off to the side of a channel to anchor.
6. 4-0 Cncensus We support proposals 250 and 251 allowing liberalizations for northern pike fishing on the Kenai Peninsula.
7. 4-0 Concensus if the Board of Fisheries were to adopt proposal 278: We would suggest allowing the retention of snagged sockeye salmon within the Kenai and Kasiloff Rivers in areas where the impact on other fish species and fisheries would be minimized.

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 2007 meeting at ADF&G conference room in Palmer. Recorded by Andy Couch

160. 0-4-0 We oppose this proposal because current ADF&G forecasts and protections within the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan are inadequate to meet Northern District sockeye salmon spawning escapement goals as seen in Yentna River sonar sockeye salmon escapement counts. This proposal would remove some of the already inadequate protections within this management plan. Increased management flexibility controlled entirely by the commercial manager often results in missing or barely achieving the escapement goal and little or no surplus fish for harvest by Northern District or inriver users.

161-162. Oppose 0-4-0; We oppose the idea of removing specific language from management plans which was originally put into the plans to provide protections for Northern bound salmon stocks. Since ADF&G has failed to meet the Yentna River sockeye salmon escapement goals 2 out of the past 3 years and since ADF&G has only met the midpoint of the Yentna River sockeye salmon escapement goal once in the past 10 years, specific language to protect Yentna sockeye should be strengthened rather than removed.

164. Support 4-0-0 We support the concept of using specific management language in management plans throughout the entire season.

166. Oppose 0-4-0. We oppose the concept of management to stay under the top end of a spawning escapement goal range without consideration to the impacts on other salmon stocks, other salmon species, and other user groups. Maximizing the harvest of one user group should not come at the expense of salmon escapement needs and viable harvest opportunities for other user groups.

167, 168. Oppose 0-4-0. Maximizing commercial sockeye harvest at the expense of personal use fisheries, sport fisheries, and escapements of other salmon stocks is unacceptable.

169. Tabled

170. Oppose 0-4-0 Maximizing commercial harvests should always be subject to established escapement goals and also to harvest need of other user groups.

171. No Action. We support the concept of having sport language in sport regulations rather than commercial regulations, but don't understand if there would be other unforeseen impacts.

There was consensus with fisheries subcommittee members that we request the Matanuska Valley AC Chairman invite the ADF&G Genetic scientists to a meeting so the committee could ask specific questions about the newly issued Sockeye salmon genetics report.

Sport Fishing

****330. Amendment to 1. Reduce Northern District commercial and Central District commercial king salmon fishery back to pre Board of Fisheries 2005 level, 2. Reduce Sport fishing area for king salmon to an ADF&G marker approximately 1/4 mile upstream from the mouth of Alexander Creek, 3. Establish a 2 king salmon seasonal limit within one mile of the mouth of Alexander Creek. 4. Amendment passed 5-0. Amended proposal passed 5-0.

139, 331, 332, 333, 334 -- No Action see 330.

#335 Subcommittee voted to withdraw this proposal. 5-0

336 Subcommittee voted to withdraw this proposal 5-0

337. Amendment passed 4 - 0 Motion passed as amended 3-1

AC COMMENT # 10

Amend to continue adjusting Deshka River king salmon bag limit by emergency order, however ADF&G shall issue Deshka River emergency orders by February 1 (date suggested by Palmer office ADF&G staff)

when based on Deshka River weir data from the previous year.

Emergency orders based on inseason data may continue to occur during the summer fishery.

At a November 2007 Matanuska Valley AC fisheries subcommittee meeting, ADF&G staff informed the subcommittee that the most recent Deshka River weir data shows permanently adjusting the bag limit to 2 king salmon per day likely could result in failure to meet the Deshka River king salmon goal over the next few years. Matanuska Valley AC is supporting informing the public as early as possible, whenever the fishery will be expanded or reduced.

338 - Supported 4-1

339. Opposed 1-3

340. Opposed 1-3

341. Opposed 1-2-1

END OF PROPOSALS CONSIDERED AT DEC. 19, 2007 MATANUSKA VALLEY AC MEETING.

342. Supported 4-0. If there are enough coho salmon to expand the Northern District set net fishery out of the restrictions in the Coho salmon conservation plan as was done by the Board of Fisheries at the 2005 meeting, then there should also be enough coho salmon to provide a 3 coho salmon sport limit as was the regulation before implementation of the coho salmon conservation plan. If there are not enough surplus harvestable coho salmon for both user groups, then both user groups should go back to the restrictions prior to the 2005 Board of Fisheries meeting. We would also like ADF&G to do a bag limit analysis.

343. Opposed 1-3.

344. Oppose 0-4.

345. Opposed 0-4

346. Proposal mistakenly submitted -- it had not passed committee. Committee votes to withdraw. 4-0.

347. Opposed 0-4.

348. Supported 4-0. Our own committee proposal about Eklutna king salmon.

349. Opposed 1-1-2.

350. Supported 3-1. Would reduce Big Lake burbot limit to 2 fish and establish a closed season when no retention would be allowed.
351. Supported 4-0. Would reduce Big Lake burbot limit to 2 fish -- season would remain open entire year.
352. Supported 4-0. Expanding pike regulation lakes.
353. Supported 4-0. Expanding Shell lake pike fishery.
354. Opposed. 0-4. Expansion of pike regulations -- subcommittee felt this proposal was too liberal.
355. Allow Bait and no bag limit for pike on Deshka, Yentna, and Susitna Rivers Nov. 1- April 15. Amended to hook size of 6/0 for singles and 1/0 for trebles. Amendment passed 4-0. Proposal passed 4-0.
356. Opposed 0-4. Too liberal. Would establish personal use salmon fisheries.
357. Opposed 0-4. Establish sport limit for hooligan. Not needed in Susinta River -- especially if we have enough fish for an inriver commercial fishery.
358. Opposed 0-4. Would establish too liberal of personal use salmon gill net fishery near Beluga.

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Jan. 7, 2008 Fisheries subcommittee -- 2p.m. at ADF&G conference room.

Max Sager, Tony Russ, Lonnie Stevens, Bennet Durgelogh, Steve Runyan, Andy Couch, Ken Federico Bruce Knowles, Sam Ivey, Dave Rutz, Chris Brockman, Howard Delo (arrived later)

172 & 173. 0-6 Rejected. Would provide language seeking to limit use of the Kasilof special harvest area, by providing more liberal commercial fishing before using the special harvest area. Harvesting within the special harvest area limits harvest of less abundant salmon stocks headed to other river systems.

174. 0-6 Rejected. Would eliminate the Kasilof Special Harvest Area. We would like to see continued use of the special harvest area, however, the harvest area should be used in such a way as to reduce conflicts with the sport and personal use fisheries. Such as 24 hour notice before the harvest area is utilized by the commercial fishery or dividing the personal use and commercial fisheries to separate fishing hours and or days. For instance Saturday should be reserved for the personal use fishery.

180. 0-6 Rejected. Proposal would eliminate Kasilof Salmon Management Plan.

181. No Action

203. Approved 6-0 Late Run Kenai River Sockeye salmon management and Umbrella plan changes. This proposal would restrict the commercial fishery to one period per week prior to July 20 or until ADF&G makes an inseason sockeye estimate.
205. Approved 6-0 Revise Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan so all users get equal share of the resource. Equal authority to sport fish and commercial divisions of ADF&G in managing the resource. We would like to see more equal harvest opportunities for sport and personal use fisheries during July and August. In times of high escapement sport and personal use fisheries should be expanded by emergency order to harvest fish. Midrange or above should be the inriver targets that the ADF&G commercial fish division shoots for in all escapement ranges throughout Upper Cook Inlet.
206. Approved 6-0 Would Allow a lower sockeye salmon sport fish limit rather than closing the Kenai River sport fishery entirely during times of sockeye shortages.
207. Approved 6-0 Would allow Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner to increase the sport bag limit to 12 sockeye and personal use fishery limit to 35 per household on the Kenai River during times of sockeye abundance of a return exceeding 4 million sockeye.
208. Approved 6-0. Would allow an increase in the sport fish bag limit for sockeye to 9 and increase in the possession limit for sockeye to 18 in times of high abundance on the Kenai River.
258. Rejected 0-6-0 Would increase the size of jack king salmon to less than 25 inches.
- 259 see 260.
260. Approved 6-0 Would allow retention of fin clipped king salmon without counting as one of the two fish seasonal limit on the Kenai River.
274. 0-6-0 Rejected. Would reduce closed waters to commercial fishing near the Kenai River. Allowing commercial harvest in this area could reduce harvest of Northern Bound salmon stocks, but would also impact Kenai sport and personal use fisheries. There would need to be provisions protecting sport and personal use harvest opportunities before we could support this proposal.
- 275, 276, 277. 0-6-0 Rejected. Would set more restrictive limits on nonresidents. At times there is an abundance of some salmon species -- and certainly no biological need for the proposed limits.
278. 4-2-0 Approved Allowing retention of snagged sockeye in Kasilof, Kenai, and Russian River.
280. 6-0 Approved. Increases coho limit to 3 fish in Upper Cook Inlet freshwaters. Commercial opportunities to harvest coho in the Northern District were increased at the 2005 Board of fisheries meeting. If there are enough coho to remove the restrictions on the Northern District commercial fishery, then there are also enough coho for the sport fishery to return to a 3 coho limit. ADF&G has emergency order authority to adjust sport fish limit during years with low returns.
316. 0-5-1 Rejected. Would limit Upper Cook Inlet sport fishing guides to one group of guests per day.

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Proposal 74: 7-0-0 Support- Cook Inlet is the only salmon fishery that allows spotter aircraft. Spotter aircraft can be disastrous to migrating salmon by allowing commercial fishing boat to stay on top of a pod of salmon.

Proposal 77: no action

Proposal 78:0-7-0 Oppose-

Proposal 79: 0-7-0 Oppose

Proposal 80: no action

Proposal 81: no action

Proposal 87: 7-0-0 Support -Committee supports with the amendment to redefine the transition from sockeye salmon to coho salmon. It is essential that coho management start as soon as their numbers increase.

Proposal 88: 0-7-0 Oppose-Allows more commercial fishing time and will negatively affects Mat-Valley

Proposal 90: 0-7-0 Oppose-lengthens commercial fishing time and it could effectively increase the harvest of coho salmon by as much as a third.

Proposal 91: 0-7-0 Oppose-Extremely detrimental to the Mat-Valley these restrictions are to move sockeye salmon and coho salmon in the Northern District.

Proposal 92: 0-7-0 Oppose-Committee feels this will scrap a well developed Kenai River coho salmon management plan.

Proposal 93: 0-7-0 Oppose- By reduces the trigger point it allows more commercial fishing fishing time.

Proposal 94: 0-7-0 Oppose-We feel that opening set net fishery earlier is a bad idea since the genetics study shows a large number of Northern District sockeye salmon. Pass through this area during this time frame.

Proposal 95: Neutral; according to the Department Biologist he would manage this fishery so that it would benefit commercial fishermen he said that the whiners would just

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have to live with it. No matter what we do, by saving E.O. time he would be able to fish part of a day Saturday or Sunday.

Proposal 96: 0-7-0 Oppose-This could increase harvest of northern bound salmon by 1/3 or more.

Proposal 97: 0-7-0 Oppose- This is just another attempt to harvest more northern bound salmon. Until studies genetic studies, harvest data reports, return data on streams in Northern District streams to include Turnagain Arm, Knik Arm and the Susitna River.

Proposal 98-99: 0-7-0 Oppose- Gives more fishing time closer in thusly allowing commercial fishermen more time to catch Northern bound salmon. The department continues to say that we don't have a problem with our salmon that our numbers are good!

Proposal 100-101: 0-7-0 Oppose-This calls for a greater harvest of northern bound king salmon, earlier opening will be during the time period that Northern District king salmon transiting this area, and will also increase their cap on King Salmon

Proposal 102: 0-7-0 Oppose- Monofilament has a history has a wasteful material allowing a larger than average number of drop outs.
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Proposal 103: 0-7-0 Oppose-

Proposal 104: 0-0-7 Neutral-Committee believes this material allows for a wasteful fishery and needs to be stopped

Proposal 105-109: 0-7-0 Oppose-These proposals will allow for great harvest by increasing the depth of the nets will allow for harvest of more kings and the larger the net the more salmon that will be harvested.

Proposal 110: 0-0-7 Natural

Proposal 111: 0-7-0 Oppose-This proposal would end up with more Northern bound fish being caught as our fish are at further out from the beach.

Proposal 112: 0-7-0 Oppose- The current program that was established to bring stability to Cook Inlet salmon fishing and has been very successful.

Proposal 113: 0-7-0 Oppose- Anytime that the stability of commercial fisheries removed serious problems can occur.

Proposal 114: 7-0-0 Support-

Proposal 115: 0-7-0 Oppose- This is another attempt to return to the "good old days" commercial interest are just trying to increase their harvest.

Proposal 116: 7-0-0 Support

Proposal 117: 7-0-0 Support-It is our belief that going with wild stocks is a good idea

Proposal 118: 0-7-0 Oppose-Against the increase of commercial fishing time

Proposal 119: 7-0-0 Support-We support the identification of Northern bound stocks as stocks of concern

Proposal 120: 7-0-0 Support- Chum Salmon should be made of stock of concern the harvest numbers have dropped dramatically lower.

Proposal 121-122: 7-0-0 Support-It is time that the largest users groups in Cook Inlet are given their proper allocations. New Federal and State studies show that these groups have the largest financial impacted from our salmon resources.

Proposal 123: 6-0-1 Support-Eliminate stock program on Big Lake the department has admitted that this stocking program has destroyed the native run. They are counting both wild and hatchery stocks for the annual escapement goals. A department

Proposal 133-137: 0-7-0 Oppose- These proposals are trying to gut an already modified Northern District Salmon Management Plan. This plan is mint to move Northern District stocks into the Northern District.

Proposal 138: 7-0-0 Support- The Northern District Salmon Management Plan was modified at the last Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries hearings. These changes made this management plan less effective in moving stocks through the central district.

Proposal 140: 7-0-0 Support-The Yentna River priority is supposed to ensure that the Yentna River Escapement Goals are made, even if the Kenai River the upper end of the escapement goals has to be exceeded!

Proposal 141and142: 0-7-0 Oppose-This change would allow the harvest of Northern District coho salmon, since cohos are the predominate species this late in the year. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Sportfishing Division has already stated that they will not support any proposals that will increase coho bag limit, because of flood damage that was done in 2006! They are forecasting low coho salmon returns of Susitna River drainage.

Proposal 143-144: 0-7-0 Oppose-Allowing extra fishing time for the East side set netters to fish could cause damage sever damage to Northern District stocks!

Proposal 145-152: 0-7-0 Oppose-There is a conflict between the two divisions within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Commercial Fishing Division has stated publicly that there no problem with Northern District king salmon stocks, the Sports Fish Division says that seven king salmon are below their escapement point, six are at or just above their escapement point and only one above it's escapement point! They are concurred about the king done to the spawning grounds by the 2006 floods.

Proposal 153: 0-0-7 Abstain

Proposal 154-159: 0-7-0 Oppose-We feel that this is a disguised way to harvest more Kenai River cohos. Cohos are the predominate salmon returning at this time

Proposal 160: 0-7-0 Oppose- This would allow commercial fisherman to fish whenever they wanted, the Inlet would be wide open.

Proposal 163: 7-0-0 Support-This proposal is trying to pass more salmon stocks into the Northern District.

Proposal 339: 0-4-3 Oppose-This proposal has been brought before the Board at least twice before, the majority of the king in the Deshka River at this time are not good to eat. There a few late kings coming be you would have several red kings to find a good one!

These are all the proposals that we had time to complete. We are going to try and have one more meting before the Board of Fisheries. I will bring the additional work with me to the hearings. Do I need to fax these to you?

Thank you

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.Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet proposals, review and comments.

- 7. Continue review and comment of Upper Cook Inlet fish proposals
 - Andy moves to group 80-86 fish proposals, Billy seconds motion
 - Andy moves to vote on 80, Robert seconds motion
 - Vote on proposal 80: 1 in favor, 9 opposed-fine the way it is
 - No action taken on 81-86 based on 80. As an AC we feel there should be no windows and dates are fine
 - Open discussion on 154- 10 opposed because "pink salmon" is a Trojan horse, no action taken on 155-159 because of 154
 - Open discussion on 187: all opposed because sockeye needs to be managed for sportfishing. No action taken on 188, 204, 118, 189, 190, 192, 193, 195, 200, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 203, 205, 209 because of action on 187

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