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Mr. Cliff Judkins, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

And

Mr. Vince Webster, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

%Boards Support Section
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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Dear Chairman Judkins and Chairman Webster

I am writing you to request that you plan for and hold a joint board meeting, and accept written Proposals and public comment when you meet to appoint a new Commissioner of the Department of Fish and game.

The Joint boards do not meet frequently enough to accommodate many of the issues that Alaska is still growing into. Recently a Very popular issue was before the Board of Game and due to the legality of the joint board's responsibilities; the Board of game was unable to act upon the Proposal. This is in reference to Proposal #30 requesting a NON - Subsistence area be formed within a portion of the unit 13 home range of the Nelchina caribou herd. Unit 13 has been a hot bed of angst, resentment, and confusion among all of Alaska's resident hunters for many years. The continuing court battles and subsequent court decisions have only help compound upon the Issues before the public and the board. Many of these Decisions have led us to the ad-hoc path we are now on, with again a poorly planned and adopted harvest regulation, that once again leaves all Alaskan hunters questioning, not only the legality but the sustainability of the regulation. Removal of this confusion is necessary to all hunters so that they may in the future plan accordingly and wisely.

If I may out line some of the issues that will again be before the board of game this March regarding nelchina Moose and Caribou harvest.

1. The folks from the Copper basin and Ahtna regions all testified that Caribou has become more of a Necessity since the ability to locate a moose has been more difficult. Many wished and asked for more moose rather than caribou hunting opportunity
2. Many hunters from around the state have requested equal access to a population of caribou that are nearby and have a harvestable surplus that exceeds most herds in neighboring units.
3. The subsistence regulations have prevented both Board of game and the board of fish; from making decisions that would benefit not only the rural residents that reside in these units, but the residents that reside in non-subsistence areas and are denied access to the herd's population.

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4. The board of game adopted and passed another regulation for a Community harvest plan that is likely to be challenged in court at a considerable expense to the state and its Residents. As well allocated 300 animals of the ANS established at 600-1000 animals even though most area residents and local AC's testified that a lower ANS would be acceptable for that region.
5. The board of game adopted and passed a regulation that equates to an un-regulated registration hunt of the nelchina caribou herd. This is a Tier I subsistence registration hunt, and that after establishing an ANS of 600-1000 animals,(of which 300 are set aside for CHP) the board did not put a cap on permits that would be available. On top of it all the Board is forcing all registrants and their family members, to hunt moose within the boundary of unit 13. This method of exclusionary language has been thought to deter resident hunters from applying for or excepting tags for the nelchina caribou. When in fact it has also increased the hunting pressure on a recovering moose population, and equated to additional competition for a resource the local copper basin residents seem to actually prefer.
6. And finally the board adopted and passed regulation for a draw style hunt that was initially requested by a large portion of eligible state residents, as the determination of a fair and equitable method of allocation of a state resource. The language of UP/TO 3000 Permits may be issued, was adopted and passed into regulation. In November, the Permit application supplement was printed and published on the state Fish and game web site. The issuable permit numbers are listed as," TBD "at a later date by the department; as the Department has no idea how many drawing tags may be issued, until the unlimited available number of registration Tier I and Community harvest permits are counted and issued afore hand.

To further compound the situation the board of game left the Department hanging in the wind, to be brutalized if it all falls apart yet again in the spring. Hunters are applying for an Unknown, 0-3000 tags may be issued, refunds may have to occur, and in fact if tags are issued, a hunt may not happen should the unlimited number of Tier I permit holders and CHP meet the harvest quota prior to Draw permits season opener. Again the Department will receive the black eye for the boards not taking responsible action regarding many of these issues.

I feel as a resident of the State of Alaska, the time has come to correct many of the issues before us. Alaska's Subsistence regulations are out dated and over lapped with Federal subsistence regulation that was not in place, during the inception of legislation of Alaska's laws. Yet the federal opportunities may not be considered when adopting regulation by the boards. I also feel that the establishment of non subsistence areas/zones would solve many of the user conflicts regarding user groups.

The Joint Boards should meet on a much more frequent basis, so that issues of these nature can be brought up and discussed, and the Joint boards should request the Alaska Legislator to review and amend Alaska Statute's to work with the current dynamics of Alaska's population centers. Alaska has seen much growth and expansion of resource availability since the 60's and 70's when the acts we are currently operating under took effect.

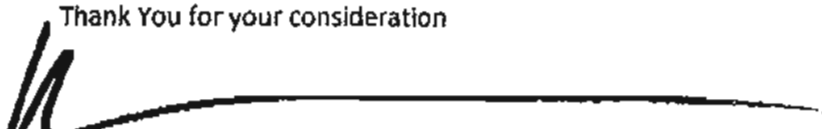
On this subject I would also share that as a member of the public that attends many Advisory committee meetings around the state, it is also clear to me the dissatisfaction within the AC's of the joint boards

accessibility to the AC's, as well that the responsibilities of the joint board, to the AC's and members of the public are in fact NOT being met. Many feel the boards are avoiding issues, and are resistant to the joint meeting process so that these issues may be ignored. As a member of the public, I feel that the joint boards should meet at least once per cycle, and given that at least every two years both boards are meeting at the same time, in the same city two days at least should be set aside for public comment and review. In the least a short period of time should be allocated for AC action and member review.

The Issue of subsistence, regulation and allocation has come before both boards with great expense and difficulty over the last few cycles. Yet a resolution to the problem has yet to appear. I respectfully request that as a meeting must occur in the near future, the Boards agree to meet, Accept Proposals, Public comment, and take a good hard look at what is needed to repair a faltering and expensive system of management and allocation. Alaska's hunters and Fishers are commonly the most underrepresented group within this process, yet deal with all of the decisions forced upon them. I am but one person speaking for many when I ask, to be awarded an equal opportunity as a state resident to share our bounties provided to us.

I am personally willing, at my own expense to travel and work with any group to assist in developing an acceptable resolution to some of the unit 13 problems. I have several current ideas for Non-subsistence area that are located well within the boundaries of unit 13, and allow for much of the traditional subsistence and federal subsistence hunts to continue. As the areas I would propose, are not only the harder to access but also predominantly hunted by residents that reside in non-subsistence areas. I would be grateful would the boards meet me along the way.

Thank You for your consideration



Respectfully

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C/C Governor Sean Parnell

All AC

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Attn: Board of Fish **COMMENTS**
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Regarding the 2010/2011 Proposed Changes in the Cook Inlet Finfish Regulations

PROPOSALS 2 & 3 – I SUPPORT for the following reasons:

It makes openings in the Lower Cook Inlet harvest area consistent with each other. Currently Kamishak District opens on June 1 and that works well for that district.

Opening the Eastern and Outer Districts on June 1 will encourage fishermen to return to traditionally fished areas that have not been surveyed or fished in years, if there is adequate return. It would allow fishermen to timely harvest early run fish (males) and allow the fishermen to receive top dollar for those early caught fish.

PROPOSALS 4, 5, 7, & 8 – I OPPOSE for the following reasons:

We don't need any conflict of different gear types in our area or the increased pressure on a delicately balanced return of fish. In some areas kings and cohos are entirely allocated to sportfishing and gillnetters would not be able to release live fish that are solely allocated to sportfishing. Allowing gillnetting in Lower Cook Inlet will adversely affect both commercial and sport fishing throughout the entire area.

If the Board approves any or all of Proposals 4, 5, 7, or 8, I request that the Board concurrently approve an amendment that allows commercial seining in Upper Cook Inlet.

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BOF Comments 2010/2011 Support 2 & 3, Oppose 4, 5, 7, 8, 12

Attn: Board of Fish COMMENTS
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Regarding the 2010/2011 Proposed Changes in the Cook Inlet Fish Regulations

PROPOSAL 12 - I OPPOSE for the following reasons:

If this is allowed it is very likely that there would be many years that commercial fisherman would not be allowed to fish, depending on fish returns and CIAA's budget shortfalls. It is grossly unfair to commercial fisherman to be locked out of the entire fishery, with absolutely no input or control over the projects, budgets or expenditures of CIAA. Fishermen are being asked to relinquish their entire incomes for an organization that has shown limited success and multiple failures.

I am a Lower Cook Inlet Seine Permit Holder:

Signed,


Signature

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BOF Comments 2010/2011 Support 2 & 3, Oppose 4, 5, 7, 8, 12

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Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

October 26, 2010 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Shadura II, Brandt, Corr, Bernecker, Payne, Bucy, Eggemeyer, Carmichael, Ermold, Foust, Joseph, Maher. Excused: Tappan, VanDevere, Darch, Darby and Dykema.

Department: Selinger

Board of Game: Spraker

Report by Chair Crawford on Board of Game.

BOF prop 12

Gary Fandrei, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, proposal 12 on cost recovery program and have sunset clause removed. Questions asked by Chair Crawford and committee. Fandrei answered questions regarding funding, who benefits from program, facility and run returns. Explanation by Shadura on the process and background of the Aquaculture from start to current. Carmichael moved to support proposal 12, Ermold seconded. 9/2/1

Board of Game Proposals

Spraker gave an update on subsistence, October emergency meeting, open drawing taken off the table. Registration, last one was over 53,000, management has been consistent, won't work no control on harvest. Reinstated community harvest, 25 people or more can apply to harvest, up to 300 caribou harvested, registration for residents only, one caribou per family, open drawing established for residents only.

Selinger, on harvest surveys. Report on Department proposals.

Public comments: Joe Bazan, restrictions taken off motorized vehicles in 15C. Comments and questions from Board. Spraker gave history of regulation and background.

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Break 8:05 – 8:15 PM

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Ermold gave brief explanation and background on proposals that he has proposed.

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Ermold moved for the AC to submit a proposal that closes 15A to nonresident and to spiked forked moose, along with an active predator management program, with a 2 year sunset clause, seconded by Corr. Comments; Spraker something needs to be done to 15A to increase population in this area, Selinger concurs, spikes are not an issue. 13/0/0, unanimous consent.

Ermold moved for the AC to submit a proposal to reopen Mystery Creek (DM522) October 10 to November 10, hunt with permit drawing to spiked forked 50 inches or more, seconded by Corr. Spraker and Selinger noted that there are regulations already in place for a Mystery Creek (DM522). Ermold withdraws proposal. Discussion on adding predator control in 15A and including other opportunity for hunts per recommendation from Spraker. Committee discussed including predator control

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management and other opportunity in the proposal approved for 15A. The following is the amended proposal. Ermold moved to accept the following proposal in lieu of accepted proposal, Corr seconded.

AC proposal – Close unit 15A to nonresident moose hunting and to spiked forked moose for residents, sunsetting in 2 years. Model 16B in a predator control management program for black bear and an aerial wolf management. Encourage the Department to reopen for increased harvest opportunity in the following DM's 522, 531, 533, 535, 537 and 539 with 2 permits being issued in the following 531, 533, 535, 537, and 539 and up to 25 permits in 522. A 10 in bull drawing with permits in 7 and 15 with 5 in each area. To actively pursue a habitat enhancement program.

Unanimous consent.

Eggemeyer moved for the AC to submit the following proposal, Corr seconded;

Computer generated lottery for problem bears, brown and black, that ADF&G deems necessary to harvest with these stipulations:

Local area residents

ADF&G hunter safety bear class

No ADF&G violations

Insurance liability waiver for State and ADF&G

Acceptable means of harvest per ADF&G biologist/tech; rifle, bow or muzzleloader

Local hunter under supervision of ADF&G authority may harvest and retain skull, hyde, claws meat after local ADF&G biologists releases the animal from study.

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Crawford moved for the AC to submit the following proposal, Faust seconded;

The harvest for wolf hunting in Unit 7 and 15 to a bag limit of 5.

Unanimous consent.

Shadura II handed out information on Kasilof Management Service Area. Chair Crawford asked who will be attending this meeting. Crawford made a motion for Brenecker to represent the AC at this meeting, Ermold seconded, unanimous consent. Also information regarding restrictions on use of wheeled and tracked vehicles and on king salmon bycatch in the Gulf. AC needs to be involved in the king salmon Bycatch issue.

Payne, send an invitation Refuge Manager to come and participate in AC meeting.

Next meeting November 9, 2010

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SEWARD FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 14 MEETING-MINUTES

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The Seward AC met on Thursday, October 14 at City Hall. Jim McCracken, Bob White, Mark Clements, WC Casey, Robin Colman, Ezra Campbell, Arnie hatch and Dianne Dubuc were in attendance.

Regional game biologist Jeff Selinger spoke about game issues on the Kenai Peninsula and bear issues in the Seward area.

Robin Colman spoke about the Kid's Fishing Day that was established by the Seward AC.

The AC commented on various proposals to be taken up at the upcoming LCI BOF meeting in November.

PROP 2-Would remove language designating June 1 as the opening date for the outer District-2 votes to support, 0 opposed and 6 abstained

The author of the proposal, Tom Buchanan, was at our meeting to speak to his proposal. Mr. Buchanan's position is that the fishery should be managed as the run comes in and not when the fish are in the creeks. The discussion centered on the lack of fly time in the Outer District. Apparently the biologists start their Aerial surveys in Kachemak Bay then do Kamishack, Windy, Rocky, and Port Dick. When they get to resurrection Bay in the afternoon, the day breeze has kicked up and they are unable to see any fish. Lack of fly time is related to lack of funding. The lack of funding is impeding management. There is virtually no fly time north of Gore Pt. There are 14 seiners operating north of Gore. One AC member felt the fishery should be managed by fish tickets but this would result in a lag time for openings. Another AC member who is a LCI seiner stated that in this scenario it would be possible to wipe out entire runs as fish from different systems all swim together. The AC members that abstained did so for two reasons. One was because they felt they were not well versed on the subject to render a position. The second was out of politeness to the author

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PROP 3 is essentially the same as PROP 2 and we took no action.

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PROPS 4, 5, 7, & 8 would seek expand the drift fishery to the Outer District and Resurrection Bay. Unanimously opposed to all three proposals.

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The discussion revolved around historical perspective. A drift fishery did exist in Resurrection Bay prior to Limited Entry.

This could be a mixed stock fishery, say with coho. The general consensus of the Seward AC is that survival rates of released fish are much higher for seine fish. Drifters cannot release fish as easily. One LCI seiner said he would support the idea if seiners were allowed to fish further north in Cook Inlet. The Seward AC believes the status quo should be left alone.

PROP 10 seeks to amend the closed water boundary line in Resurrection Bay. 0 support, 7 opposed, 1 abstained

The cons did not want an imaginary line down the bay. The jitneys used to prosecute this fishery often have rudimentary electronics.

The pros believe that this line is in place to protect chums. It should be solidified in regulation. Stop management by EO and codify it.

PROP 12 would repeal the sunset clause adopted by the BOF by an emergency petition out of cycle in 2009. We amended this proposal to reinstate the Bear Lake Management Plan.

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The amendment passed unanimously with 8 in favor. PROP 12 had no support and we voted unanimously to oppose 8-0.

The run return estimates being put forth by CIAA have been questionable. The proposal states that 425,000 reds would return to Resurrection Bay in 2010. In fact, only 21,732 returned. 2011 will be the first year for return of the saltwater released fish. Reds are hard to grow. CIAA has had 30 years of problems trying to grow reds. There was discussion that it was an unwise decision by Mr. Fandrei to send two employees from CIAA that were not qualified to answer many of our questions. Mr. Fandrei should have made an appearance at our meeting to defend his proposal. All or nothing is not good. An aquaculture association cannot be the sole benefactor of fish being grown from the enhancement tax paid by fishermen. CIAA should not exist to support itself.

PROP 13 seeks to modify the Trail Lakes Management Plan and restrict non-commercial users in an attempt to satisfy brood stock objectives for coho and sockeye. Unanimously opposed 8-0.

CIAA wants all the fish caught from all user groups, not just cost recovery. CIAA does not own the fish. We object to the word "shall" and feel it is too definitive; a single artificial lure sports fishery exists north of the saltwater regulatory markers. This fishery has been deemed a non-entity by the local Enforcement Officer, Officer Cloward. CIAA has no concept that there wild runs moving through this area and all of the fish are not CIAA fish.

PROP 14 would allow a personal use fishery in Kachemak Bay only after CIAA has met its cost recovery goals. Unanimously opposed 8-0.

Once again, CIAA would like to see no user groups have access to any fish. CIAA does not own the fish and should not be allowed to dictate allocation.

PROP 51 seek to create a management plan for rockfish, lower the daily bag limit, and require harvest recording in Cook Inlet. The Seward AC amended this proposal as follows: require that a rockfish management plan be drafted prior to the next LCI cycle in 2013. The amendment passed 8-0. Proposal 51 was unanimously opposed 8-0.

We were all in agreement that this is too ambitious of a proposal. Create the management plan first, and then implement other needed management tools.

The Seward AC voted to have Dianne Dubuc represent the AC at the LCI meeting.

The AC voted to have the next meeting on December 2 at 1900 at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2140.

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Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee

RC 15
SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

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Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010

Members Present: Robert Purpura, Dave Chartier, Tim Dillon, Walt Sonen, Paul Chissus, and Michael Opheim.

Members Absent or Excused: Keith Gain, Matt Gallien, Herman Moonin, and Warren Brown

Public Present: Jerry Murray, Walter McInnes, Tim Dillon, Mary Klinger, Layla Jandt-Pederson
* Note Jerry Murray, Mary Klinger and Layla Jandt-Pederson in the public present for this meeting where seated as alternate AC members.

The meeting began at the Multi-purpose Community Room at 7:00 pm

AGENDA: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals

PROPOSAL-50

Public Testimony: Jerry Murray and Walter McInnes want to add language to 5 AAC 58.022 (a) having witnessed blatant waste in areas posted for snagging. To prevent the waste of undesirable fish they should be counted toward the bag limit allowed.

Comments: Robert Purpura agrees with the Proposal but believes there are laws that already exist addressing this. While I am attending meeting next week, I will ask legal counsel.

Motion: Jerry Murray to Support

Second: Dave Charier

Action: Support 9-0

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PORPOSAL-1

Public Testimony: Dave Chartier found a discrepancy in the means of measuring the boundaries of his fish sites. He would like ACC to address the problems that may exist with new technology in the future and that some lines have changed due to the difference in the measurement methods.

Motion: Walt Sonen

Second: Paul Chissus

Action: Support 9-0

PORPOSAL-4

Public Testimony: Dave Chartier was concerned that expanding the area for the drift fleet into lower Cook Inlet and outer district would result in fewer fish for the lower Cook Inlet seine fleet. It would also impact the lower Cook Inlet set net fishery. Robert Purpura was sure that this proposal

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along with proposal 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8 where all drafted before last season's drift harvest because they where able to land more fish at a higher price since 1992 where as we in lower Cook Inlet had our worst season in recent memory. Walt Sonen stated that trollers at one time could fish out the Aleutian Chain but do to changes over time they are restricted to as far as Yakutat so it is difficult to look at historical rights as a givens.

Motion: Jerry Murray

Second: Paul Chissus

Action: Support 0-9

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Dillon

Second: Dave Chartier

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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The following statements are my requests for proposals of changes in the Sportfishing Regulations in 2011 and the reasons, I am requesting these changes for the Ancho River system. I have been fishing the Ancho River since 1982 and to me, the "Ancho", deserves a "special regulations" status. The Ancho, as you know is a native stocked, pristine water shed and given the proper regulations and enforcement will, in my opinion, not only continue to provide excellent sports-fishing opportunities, but will improve in a quality experience for anglers, picnickers, and recreationalists in the future.

Proposal #.1 A moratorium on the use of bait/scent until a minimum escapement goal of Chinook/King Salmon has passed the fish counting weir. (I believe the min. escap. # at 3,800 fish?)

Reason: Due to "weak" runs returning to the Ancho River in the past 3 years, also this will protect the "out" migration of Steelhead trout, which mainly occurs in late May, early June.

Note: We already have protection for Steelhead after Sept. 1, this would make good sense to protect these fish at their most vulnerable time. I have witnessed many Steelhead hooked deeply by bait-fishers while they (Steelhead) were actively feeding, many of these fish did not recover.

Proposal #.2 A season limit of 2 Dolly Varden/Char of 20 inches or over, fish retained must be recorded on license.

Reason: For anglers who seem to think they should only keep "Trophy" size fish to eat. This has resulted over the years of many of the "genetics" being fished out of larger fish. My point being, a 15" Dolly eats as well, given the 2 per day limit. On many rivers I have guided, with little fishing pressure, I've practiced this with anglers I have guided and it works

1. proposal #1: After retaining a limit (2) of silver/oho salmon, cannot fish for any species for remainder of day. (Until after 12:00am, following day).

Reason: I have personally witnessed many anglers continue to fish, especially bait fisherman, and having to release deeply hooked - bleeding fish these include Steelhead, which in some years (2010 especially) return with the latter-run Silvers. This regulation would help protect these fish. Note: This matter was brought up by Mr. Meryl Wofford at the Advisory Meeting in Homer. (Sept. 28th) Mr. Wofford as you know, is a long-time (50 yrs.) Sportfishing Guide in Homer/Anchor Pt. area.

Proposal #4: Limit of (2) Pink/Humpy Salmon; daily bag limit change
Reason: Reduced numbers of these fish over past 10 years.

Proposal #5: Limit of (2) Chum/Dog Salmon; daily bag limit change
Reason: Reduced numbers of these fish over past 20 years.
Very few now returning to Anchor River system.

Proposal #6: All species of fish intended to be released cannot be removed from water.

Reason: I have personally witnessed many anglers chugging Salmon, Char/Dolly's on gravel banks, etc. to release these fish. This is more a matter of anglers' being informed/uninstructed how to properly release fish. A chance of a fine/ticket # may encourage better treatment of these fish.

Thank You for your time in this matter of changes to the Sportfishing Regulations for 2011. I sincerely believe that these proposals, if made to be regulations, will enhance the quality and quantity of fishing

#1 More enforcement by A.D.F.+G. + Alaska State Troopers, etc., especially during the King/Chinook Seasons, many abuses, snagging etc. Proxy abuses (or claiming proxies, etc.) many by locals.

#2 Fish I.D. Boards at the following trailheads/areas, Bridgehole, Picnic Hole (Coto), Cottonwood Hole (Steelhead), trailhead to Slidetole. This would help reduce retaining Steelhead, esp. during Silver Season. There would be no excuse for anglers to confuse these species with (4) well-illustrated boards to examine prior to fishing.

#3 Gen. Info. Board at Bridgehole C.G. - This would help explain to anglers, etc. projects by A.D.F.+G. / U.S. Wildlife Service, etc. and purposes of these projects. This could also include info. on proper release, care of fish retained, etc. fish counts. Hotline numbers on violators, etc. (I.E.) A great P.R. instrument for A.D.F.+G.

Again, Sincerely,

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Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the chance to comment on a number of proposals, concerning the fishing regulations on the Anchor River and Deep Creek, before you make your final decisions.

Proposal #25 states that the management actions on Deep Creek will be the same actions taken on the Anchor River, so that both rivers will be managed in tandem, using just data obtained from monitoring the Anchor River.

I oppose this proposal because they are actually very different rivers. The mouths of these rivers are 20 miles apart, and the river bottoms are not similar. It's irresponsible to use data obtained from one river to manage another river.

Proposals #31, #32, #33, #34 and #35 are asking for either an additional ban on the use of bait during the King Salmon season and the last eleven days of August, or a total ban on the use of bait year round on the Anchor River and Deep Creek.

I oppose these proposals because they are based on the false premise that using bait significantly increases the mortality on Steelhead during the King and Silver Salmon seasons. I have fished these rivers for over 3 decades, and rarely do I ever catch Steelhead while fishing for salmon. When I do hook a Steelhead using bait, I carefully release the fish in the water, and have never gill hooked a Steelhead. I strongly believe that more Steelhead are killed in August by people misidentifying them as silvers, or by excessive catching and releasing in the fall, than by any other means.

I believe the three people that wrote these proposals are trying to force their way of fishing onto the rest of us. Many of us bait fishermen really enjoy the satisfaction of fishing with the "perfect" bait that we have prepared ourselves. The ban on bait is already in place starting on September 1st, which accounts for approximately 40% of our fishing season. Let's leave the regulation alone.

Proposal #36 is requiring the mandatory use of circle hooks on the Anchor River to reduce the amount of lining or snagging that is going on.

I oppose this proposal because circle hooks eliminate the need to set the hook when a fish bites your hook. The proper hook setting technique is a very important part of salmon fishing, and one of the most enjoyable parts of the fishing experience. Setting the hook when using circle hooks will pull the hook out of the mouth. Many fish will go unhooked because the fish will let go of the circle hook before it can hook them. It makes no sense to try and regulate illegal snagging or the shady art of "fining" by the mandatory use of circle hooks.

Proposals #41 and #42 are wanting to limit guides on the Anchor River and Deep Creek to 2 clients per day, and eliminate any fishing by the guide while clients are present.

I oppose this proposal because it would be devastating to fishing guides on these rivers, and in particular to my own guiding business. I am one of the only full time seasonal "walk and wade" guide services in the area, and I've seen the number of guides decrease in the last few years. Limiting guides to only 2 people is just not fair, and would prevent families of 4 or 5 from fishing with guides. Alaska's sport fishing guide industry should provide access to fishery resources for those who might not be able to access them on their own. By limiting guides to 2 people per day, this would significantly reduce the impact that the guide industry has in providing economic benefits to Alaskans by creating jobs and bringing tourism dollars into our communities.

This proposal implies that the Anchor river and Deep Creek are becoming too crowded with guided activity, but has no data to back it's claim. Rarely do I ever meet other guides on these rivers. There will always be those who dislike guides on these rivers, no matter how few the number of guides or clients are. The fresh water log data that guides turn in to Fish and Game throughout the season, should shed some light on just how much guide pressure there really is, compared to the total numbers of river fishermen.

Fishing guides should be able to demonstrate and model proper fishing techniques, fly casting methods, etc. To be an effective guide, you must be allowed to fish on occasion.

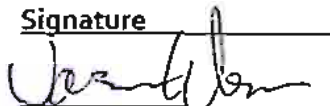

Fishing guides provide a valuable service, by teaching people how fish properly and successfully, while modeling good fishing practices and appropriate fishing etiquette. Severely limiting their overall effectiveness and ability to stay in business with this proposal is a bad idea.

Thanks for your consideration,



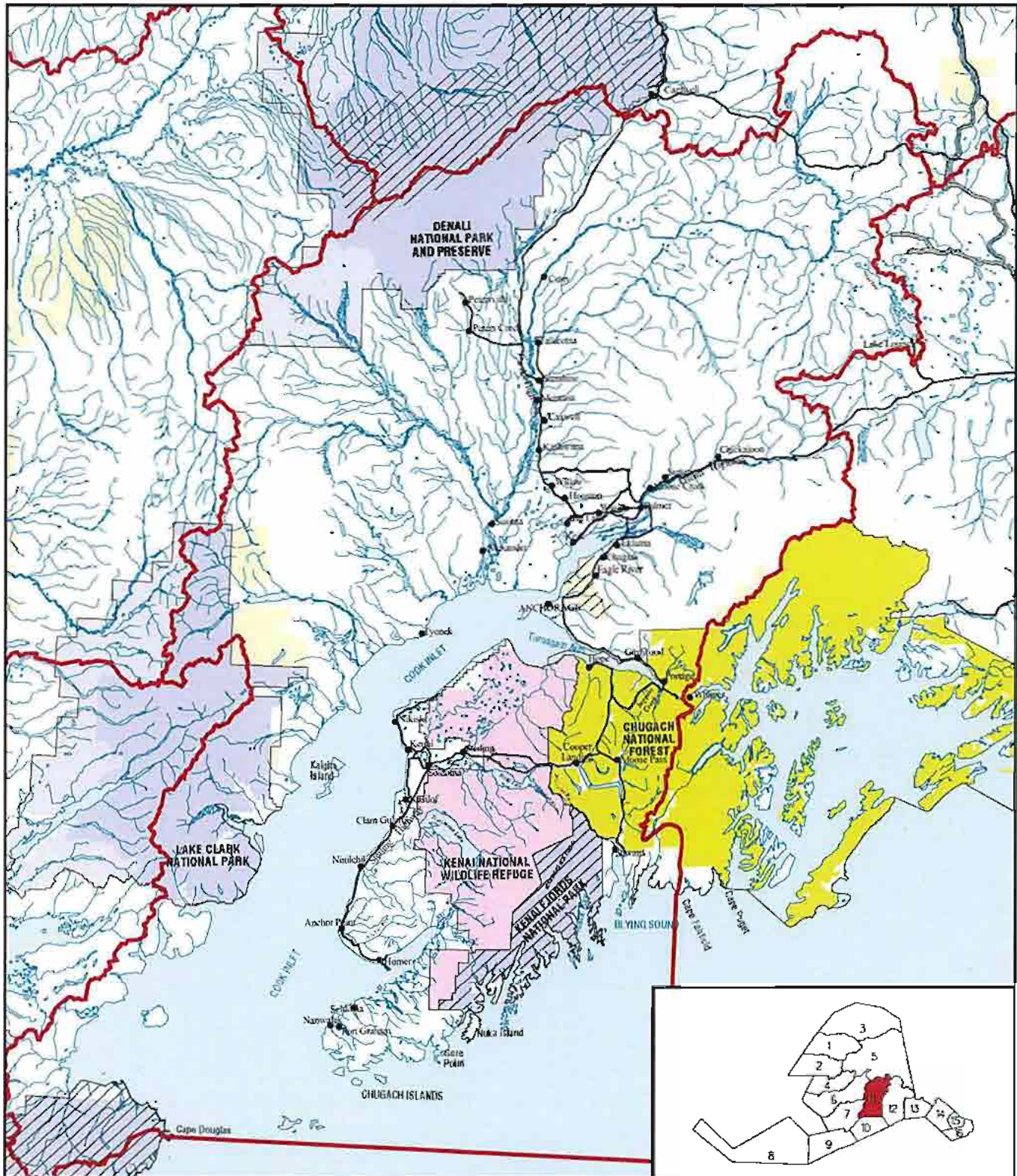
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The following local residents agree with the above written comments, by providing their signature and other pertinent information:

| Signature | Printed Name | Address | Occupation/Business |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
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|  | Phil Clag | Po Box 2363 Homer AK | Contractor |

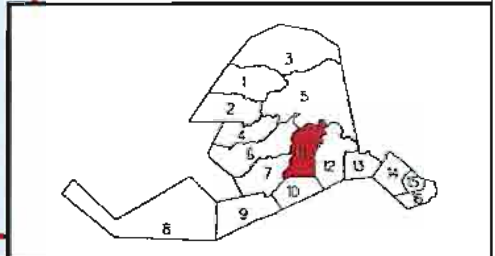
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| | Jeff A. Erickson | PO Box 3695 Homer | Homer Run Oil Co. |
| | Mark Nalpin | PO Box 2483 Homer AK | Prodigy Medical |
| | Beverly Hazen | Box 2483 H. | " " |
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| | Sherol Anderson | 1801 Hillside Ct Homer, AK 99603 | Tire Subcontract |
| | Byron Lullaberg | 37055 Wasilk AK 99687 | Commercial fisherman |
| | Steve Tuff | P.O. Box 1105 Homer, AK Box 530 | Commercial Fisherman |
| | Brian Court | Homer AK | CONSULTANT |
| | Randy Fankhauser | PO Box 203 Homer | Manager |
| | Glen Carroll | PO 551 | COMM FISH |
| | Linda Engelbrecht | PO Box 534 | bookkeeper / Bay Welf |
| | Allen Engelbrecht | PO Box 534 | Business owner |
| | Eric Engelbrecht | 4575 Thomas Ct. | Business manager |
| | Aaron Weisser | PO Box 2639 Homer | Pastor |
| | Jonathan Walker | PO Box 2679 Homer | Pastor |
| | Dan Rainwater | PO Box 378 Homer AK 99603 | Pastor |
| | Kevin Cooley | PO Box 959 Homer AK 99603 | Self Employed |
| | David Taylor | 3538 Bartlett St Homer, AK 99603 | Pastor |
| | Richard J. Alward | PO Box 907 Homer AK | Hometown Heating |
| | Candace Hagen | PO Box 645 Homer AK 99603 | Commercial fisherman |
| | Grace Taylor | 3838 Bartlett St Homer AK 99603 | college student |
| | Kevin Stoll | PO Box 2868 Homer, AK 99603 | SALES - SBS Homer |

Cook Inlet Area Subsistence Fishing



Map 11
Cook Inlet
Area

- FWS Administered Land
- NPS Administered Parks
- NPS Administered Preserves
- BLM Administered Land
- BLM Non-navigable Waters Only
- USFS Administered Land
- Closed to Subsistence
- Roads
- Area Boundary
- Federal Boundary



Cook Inlet Area

Nov. 2, 2010

RC 19

Dave Chartier
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Alaska Board of Fish & Game

I am petitioning the State Board of Fish under 5AAC 96.625 (f) joint Board policies. I ask the Board to consider an amendment to ARTICLE 2 FISHING DISTRICTS, SUBDISTRICTS, AND SECTIONS. 5AAC 21.200 (d) Southern District (2) Seldovia Bay Subdistrict.

The present boundary is: all waters south of a line from Point Naskowhak at N 59 27.200' longitude, W 151 44.570' latitude, to Seldovia Point at N 59 28.22' latitude, W 151 42.37'.

Our amendment asks the Board to amend Article 2. 5AAC 21.200 (d)(2) the western most boundary at point Naskowhak to read (59 27.37'N) latitude, 151 44.63'w) longitude, (see map B&C).

It was brought to our attention that one of my set net sites, ADL 225421 tract A, (see map A) located off point Naskowhak, Lower Cook Inlet, Southern district, Seldovia Subdistrict was outside the fish and game boundary line as it is presently worded and would have to be moved before my lease can be reissued. This revelation was totally unforeseeable and blindsided everyone. After some research it was found that the wording of this regulation along with the means of measuring map points had changed over the years. However the area historically fished and presently being fished remained the same. This request is not an expansion to the fishery; the site in question has been fished for over four decades starting with two previous fishermen (Mike Balough and Tony Martin). After my family purchased Mike's permit we fished this site for 26 years and have leased it from the State of Alaska, Division of Natural Resources (DNR) for the past 16 years in it's current position.

Without regulatory action this biologically allowable resource that we have depended on since 1984 will be unavailable to us come the 2011 salmon season. Over the years my family made investment decisions based on a certain return from sites that were long established by previous fishermen and acquired by us. Without corrective action the DNR will be unable to honor our long-standing lease agreement. No action would force us to relocate this site in an already congested area causing strife, confusion, unneeded discourse and loss of income.

The technology to pin point an exact location of this site in relationship to the boundary line did not exist when I entered into the fishery. Pacing off the beach and stretching 600' lines were the methods used then not a handheld GPS which did not even exist then. During July 2010 the Dept. Of Natural Resources and the Dept. Of Fish and Game took GPS coordinates from an exposed rock on the outer most end of point Naskowhak (see map B). From this point (59 27.37'N Latitude, 151 44.63' W. Long), lines could be easily drawn to point Naskowhak bluff and to Seldovia Point, providing an equitable solution for all parties. This is a very small slice of historically fished water that has been long recognized as open to commercial set net fishing. A regulatory change to the wording as requested to the western most boundary line by the Board of Fish is the best way to resolve the issue at hand, thus allowing the status quo to prevail.

David Chartier

November 8, 2010

To the Board of Fisheries,

This letter is to express my opinions regarding Proposal 1 in this years Lower Cook Inlet Finfish board meeting. Unfortunately due to other commitments, I am unable to attend.

My personal history with the set net site in question goes back to when I was an infant along for a skiff ride with my parents, Alexandra and David Chartier. Since then I have gone from playing in the skiff with flounders to deckhand and eventually permit holder, being part of the operation every summer. In 2004 I purchased my mothers permit. Since then, David and I have continued to work as a family and as fishing partners. Although I wasn't born when Mike Balough fished the site, I knew him well after he sold it and his Cook Inlet set net permit to my father. The history of the site goes back further to the days of Tony Martin, when he fished the area. This net and our other five have become a part of me over the last 26 years. Living and fishing from Seldovia, a town where jobs are hard to come by makes every net count. The outcome of Proposal 1 plays directly on my future, economically and the lifestyle of fishing I enjoy.

Late last fall, David Chartier was notified that one of his set net sites was outside the boundary line of the Seldovia Bay Sub district. He was allowed to fish the net in its historical position during the 2010 salmon season; the conflict was to be resolved in the 2010 November board meetings. There has never been any issues regarding this net, not until recent GPS technology was there a discrepancy. This site has been fished in the same location for 30 plus years, furthermore leased through DNR since 1994. Before GPS, fishermen used regulation books or fish and game markers to keep nets inside the boundaries. Point Naskowhak has never had a fish and game marker. The regulation book has also been changed three times leaving room for error and misinterpretation. The net in question is attached to continuous dry land at mean low tide. The lead also goes dry on a minus tide thus creating a legal site. Using the book, Point Naskowhak is vague. Is the boundary on the edge of the land, or does it include the reef that continues out?

This past summer Raymond Keough with DNR was able to make it across the bay to see the site first hand and gather GPS coordinates. The coordinates he took are located on a distinguished rock on the outer end of the reef. The historical site of the net in conflict is just inside Raymond's purposed coordinates. The new points will work well with Proposal 1, allowing David's net to be fished as it has been for decades. I agree with the new coordinates and would like them to become part of the new boundary line.

I would like to see the northern boundary of the Seldovia Sub district rewritten with the new coordinates collected by DNR. Historically the site has been fished in this location for 30 plus years. DNR will be unable to keep their end of the site's lease agreement if the boundary is not adjusted. With this sites long standing history and no other user groups being affected, I think this is a reasonable request.

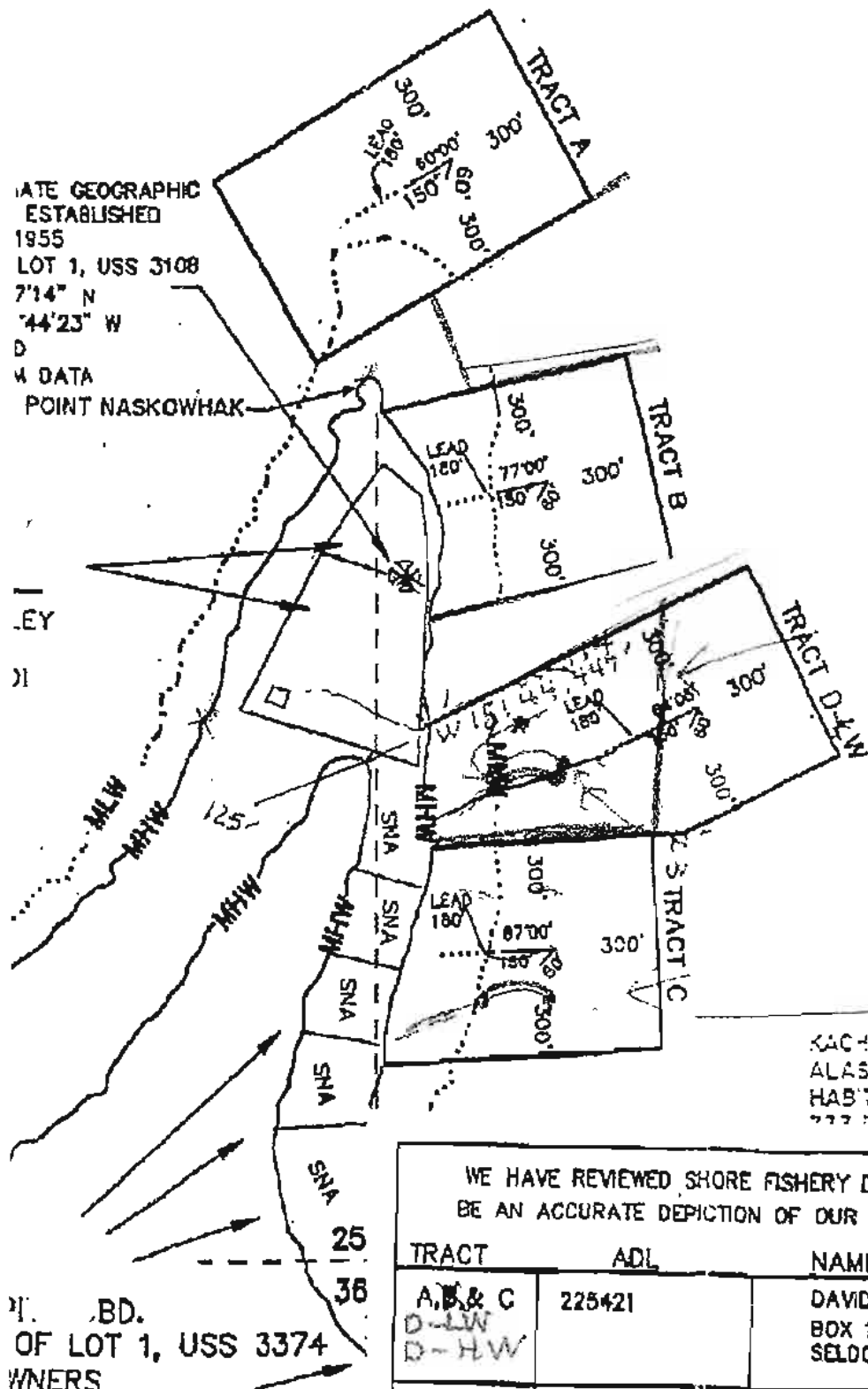
Thank you for your time.

Bryan Chartier

KACHEMAK BAY



LATEST GEOGRAPHIC DATA ESTABLISHED 1955
 LOT 1, USS 3108
 7'14" N
 44'23" W
 POINT NASKOWHAK



| TRACT | MONUMENT TIE FROM WCMC 4, LOT 1, USS 3108 TO SHOREWARD NET AND COMPASS BASIS OF BEARING | |
|-------|---|-------|
| A | 351'07' | 1027' |
| B | 28'19' | 228' |
| D-LW, | 131'44' | 766' |
| C | 173'50' | 1068' |

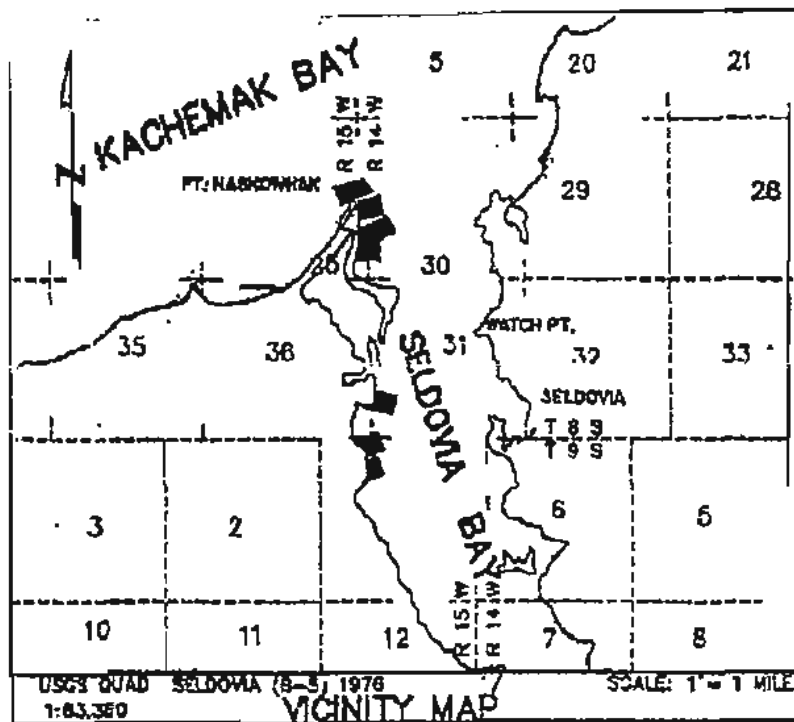
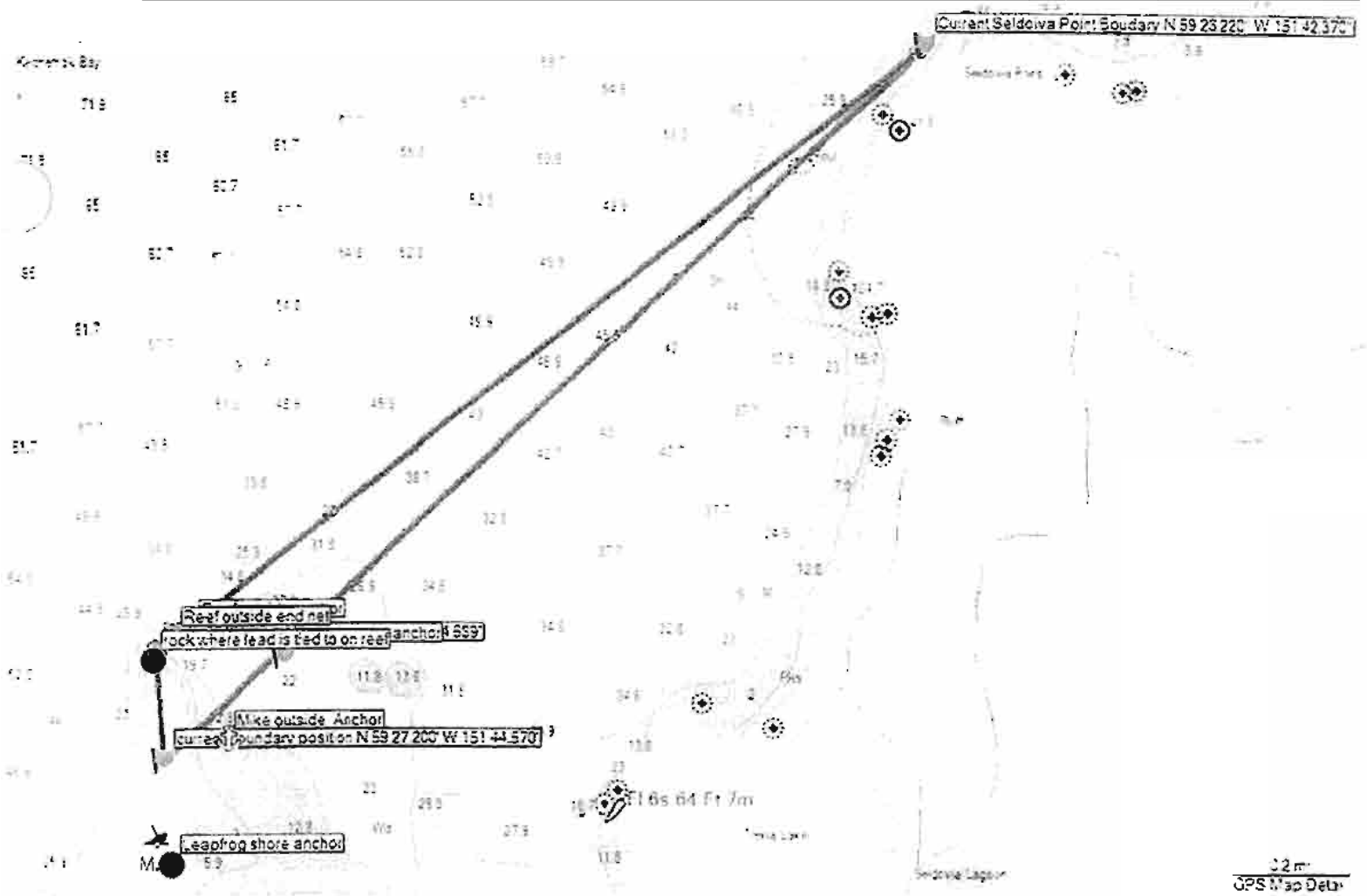
MAP A

KACHEMAK BAY CRITICAL HABITAT AREA
 ALASKA DEPT. OF FISH & GAME
 HABITAT DIVISION
 777 BARBERY ROAD

WE HAVE REVIEWED SHORE FISHERY DIAGRAM NO. 1627 AND BELIEVE IT TO BE AN ACCURATE DEPICTION OF OUR SHORE FISHERY TRACTS.

| TRACT | ADL | NAME, ADDRESS & SIGNATURE | DATE |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|
| A, B & C D-LW D-HW | 225421 | DAVID A. CHARTER BOX 153 SELDOVIA, AK 99683 <i>David Charter</i> | Nov 5, 1993 |
| D-LW, D-HW E, F, G | 225420 E, F, G | ALEXANDRA B. CHARTER BOX 153 SELDOVIA, AK 99683 <i>Alexandra Charter</i> | BRYAN CHARTER |

...BD.
 OF LOT 1, USS 3374
 OWNERS
 NATIVE ASSOCIATION



MAP B

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