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Subject: Igvak - Proposal 94

Dear Board of Fisheries,

Respectfully I ask that you consider Proposal #94 which calls for assurance that all sockeye salmon caught at Igvak fishery are counted toward their allocation. For years we have heard that some boats do not always report their Igvak catch as Igvak fish. They accomplish this by making dock deliveries and to Kodiak tenders and reporting their sockeye catch to open areas on the island. The reports have come from multiple crew members that have been on Kodiak boats.

I think that you should consider requiring either a registration requirement or a landing requirement for Igvak. Either one would improve accountability. All sockeye salmon harvested in our Chignik fishery are counted, and the number is used to determine how many sockeye that Igvak can catch. It seems reasonable that all fish in the Igvak fishery meet the same level of truthfulness. Chignik fishermen do not have any opportunity whatsoever to underreport their catch, but the same cannot be said for Igvak fishermen. It seems right that the Igvak sockeye catch should be required to be accurate.

It is my understanding similar regulations are in effect in the Bristol Bay, so an Igvak registration requirement or a landing rule or both should not be an issue with the Fish and Game Department.

Thanks for considering my input.

Sincerely,



Mori Jones