

Personal Testimony to Alaska Board of Fisheries

My name is Bill Sullivan. I call the Kenai area home. In 1976 I purchased an old, leaky wood boat and a drift permit. Cook Inlet salmon has been my main fishery the past 37 years. That said, I have also fished salmon in Bristol Bay, Chignik, in Puget Sound and on the Columbia River. I have history in herring fisheries in upper Cook Inlet, lower Cook Inlet, Prince William

My original intentions were to address the need for consistent, Monday and Thursday inlet-wide openings supported by adaptive, abundance-based management; to address pike, habitat degradation and the stark reality that known issues of concern in Mat-Su Valley drainages will not be effectively addressed by the continued dismantling of a drift fishery some 50 to 150 miles to the south.

I support proposals 135 thru 138 in concept. I oppose proposal 103 with vigor. I would ask that the Board give careful consideration to PC numbers 155, 469, 471, 473 and 476.

That said, the original intentions I refer to gave way to my experiencing a significant amount of distress fueled be exchanged between the Board and the Sports Fish Department over King numbers during staff reports.

With stark conviction I embrace the requirement for absolute and unflinching forthrightness, integrity and honesty as we attempt to manage these fisheries. WE have a major player involved in these proceedings, as association based in Soldotna that has repeatedly shown that they will not practice such virtue. The conduct of Kenai River Sportfishing Association about one year ago, using technology, phone lines as well as their own spoken words is beneath contempt.....beneath contempt!

It is incumbent on you to be dutiful, but vigilant in your consideration of input, be it written or verbal, from staff, from all other user groups, but especially that come from Kenai River Sportfishing Association. With gripping seriousness, I implore you to afford Kenai River Sportfishing Association the consideration which their repeated unethical and dishonest arrogance should be rewarded with: minimal to NONE!

As we proceed forward thru proposal deliberations, should you choose to include me in your considerations, I give you my written word that I will not mislead you, spin the facts in my favor nor be disingenuous with numbers. That is my written word.

Thank you,
William B. Sullivan

