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Dear board members:

Please consider that the Kenai Late Run King Plan, like all Kenai plans, has consideration for our river's riparian habitat:

(g) The department will to the extent practicable, conduct habitat assessments on a schedule that conforms to the Board of Fisheries (board) triennial meeting cycle. If the assessments demonstrate a net loss of riparian habitat caused by noncommercial fishermen, the department is requested to report those findings to the board and submit proposals to the board for appropriate modification of this plan.

We would like to direct you towards the following RC's which we believe illustrate a lack of information or action in this regard.

RC 238, RC 232, RC 233,

We believe that proposal 209 as passed will re-allocate a significant number of king Salmon to the in-river fishery. Please reference comments in **RC 219** which explains the allocative aspects of Prop 209 / RC 151, and offers several simple solutions which would balance things out somewhat, providing protection for the fish and opportunity for all fishers.

It is our wish that this board, after hearing full discussion of the habitat issues on the Kenai River, re-examine the allocative escapement goals set forth in proposal 209 at this board meeting - in keeping with the intent of the Riparian Habitat clause contained in our management plans.

We also encourage this board to adhere to the language and intent of 5 AAC 39.222, the Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries, which prioritizes sustainability and pristine habitat.

5 AAC39.222 (c)(6) where actions needed to regulate human activities that affect salmon and salmon's habitat that are outside the authority of the department or the board, the department or board shall correspond with the relevant authority, including the governor, relevant boards and commissions, commissioners, and chairs of appropriate legislative committees, to describe the issue and recommend appropriate action.

Thank you,

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