

Date: February 26, 2016
To: Alaska Board of Fish Members
From: Lower Bristol Bay Advisory
Re: Mixed Stock Policy and Outer Portion of Port Heiden

The current Salmon Management Plan regulating Outer Port Heiden (OPH) is flawed and fails the Board of Fish Mixed Stock Policy criteria.

The Board of Fisheries is obligated by the State's Mixed Stock Policy to address and regulate accordingly.

The salmon stocks harvested in the OPH are primarily destined for Bristol Bay. The current Salmon Management Plan does not place the burden of conservation that is commensurate to the stocks of salmon harvested.

The OPH is an outlier in Area M with respect to the high proportion of Bristol Bay stocks. This constitutes an expanding mixed stock fishery since 2007. It is necessary for the Mixed Stock Policy to restrict this expanding fishery.

In sum, the current Salmon Management Plan regulating the OPH does not reflect the governing language of the Board of Fish mixed stock policy and, therefore, should be brought into compliance.



Chairman

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