

Chignik response to RC 157

Chignik communities have the same concerns raised in this letter – the outmigration of people and the stability of the Chignik area communities.

Chignik communities are more vulnerable and more dependent on sockeye salmon than the communities of the Southern Peninsula Communities of Area M which have the benefit of greater access to pink, chum, cod, Pollock, and other species.

Please refer to Dan Veerhusen's letter (RC 166) where he cites the inability for another permit holder in the South Alaska Peninsula to obtain a market.

Moderating the impact on Chignik bound sockeye of the Dolgoi Island fishery that significantly impacts Chignik bound sockeye is the right way to balance these community risks.

In the interest of creating a sense of stability in the Chignik fishing community will the State not ensure shared burden of conservation as well as shared bounty of the resources?

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