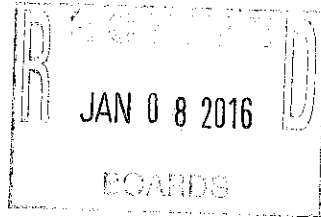


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RE: Olga Bay Upper Station, Kodiak Island

Dear Mr. Haight,

Thank you for the time you are taking to read my letter.

Four cousins and I return to Alaska annually as sport fishermen for coho and sockeye salmon on Olga Bay for ten days in late August into early September. We have been practicing this annual pilgrimage from the lower 48 to Alaska since 1997. For the last six of our 18 years on Kodiak Island, we have stayed at Olga Creek Lodge owned and operated by Wade and Sherry Ball.

I am writing simply to ask for your Board's understanding of the diminishing salmon counts at the Olga Bay Upper Station. In Olga Bay the only man-made run system is on Dog Salmon River. The rest of the salmon runs are natural. Dog Salmon River has had a fish ladder installed and fish planted in the lake to create the sockeye run there which is working very well.

Over the years it has become quite apparent that the Department of Fish and Game has managed mostly for Dog Salmon, which has affected all the other Olga Bay systems. Horse Marine and Akalura both used to have good to great sockeye returns and weir systems in place which are now almost dead because of no weir systems in place for the last eight years. And now with the department's actions, we are concerned that if DF&G continues to ignore natural runs at Horse Marine and Akalura, they will also permanently ruin the Upper Station runs here at the Olga Lakes.

Simply put, it is our request that the Department of Fish and Game manage for natural runs of fish over man made runs. Kindly pass along my letter to the right person(s) on your Board to evaluate our request.

Sincerely,

Gerald C. Cooper