

**RC 021****10/16/15**

**To all Board of Fish members,**

**We would like to ask the BOF to look at two areas of focus that need to be addressed in the Alitak District before the next sockeye season: escapements to Upper Station and the recurring large numbers of jacks to Frazer.**

**It would be greatly appreciated if the board would become familiar with the recent study on *Sneaker "jack" males outcompete dominant "hooknose" males under sperm competition in Chinook salmon –2013*. This study clearly shows why having a 19% jack escapement into the Frazer system last summer (2015) is having detrimental consequences for the fishery.**

**A suggestion that has been made and should be considered in eliminating the large percentage of Jacks in order to keep it at a healthier level of 4% should happen at the Frazer fish pass weir instead of the Dog Salmon weir where the large return of pinks make this a process difficult.**

**Without fishing for the last 6 weeks of the season the Upper Station run of the Alitak district met escapement ranges but did not allow for any commercial fishing time. What can we do to restore this vital commercial fishery? Your help with both of these important issues is appreciated and necessary in order to maintain a viable commercial set net fishery in the Alitak district.**

**Our family has been fishing in this area for the past 37 years and although we have persevered through the ups and downs of harvesting a natural resource, we are afraid that if these current conditions persist we would be forced to abandon the lifestyle we so dearly love. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and discussion of these topics at the upcoming BOF meetings.**

**Sincerely,**

**The Costello-Rentko Family**