

RC047

RC submission to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for the Kodiak meeting 2017

This is to respond to a comment made [REDACTED] during the Committee of the Whole discussion of Proposal 56, at the Alaska Board of Fisheries Kodiak Finfish meeting January 12th, 2017. [REDACTED] made the directed comment that he was not aware of 'Area M' making any contributions to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game for management or studies.

The Aleutians East Borough, the overarching municipal entity that overlaps the ADFG fishery management Area M, HAS contributed to ADFG management efforts and studies. Specifically AEB/ADFG Cooperative Agreement 11-093 for the SEDM genetic study for \$250,000, and ADFG/AEB Cooperative Agreement 14-108, an expansion of the area crab trawl survey, for \$50,000.

Additionally, I am aware of individual Area M fisherman's efforts in the Port Moller area - fishermen contributing salmon harvests above the processor imposed limits, to ADFG for local management and fish weir staffing.

Area M fishermen and the Aleutians East Borough are supportive of the efforts of the ADFG; the AEB hopes to continue to work closely with the Department in the management of our fisheries.

Thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight through an RC, and the opportunity to listen to the Kodiak meeting online.



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