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RE: RC Comments on proposals 48 and 49 about RC53 and RC57

Proposal 48 & 49 PWSAC Chum Remote Release Programs

The purpose or goal of the program when it was started in 2003 was for *Species diversification within the Prince William Sound enhanced seine-caught salmon fisheries*. Pink salmon market conditions from 1990 through 2006 was not very good.

I have always supported programs that seeks to improve the value of salmon and I am pretty sure I voted for this program when it was presented to the PWSAC board. Species diversification within the Prince William Sound enhanced seine-caught salmon fisheries is an honorable endeavor, but only if the species are not fish that is allocated to other users in a management plan.

I have submitted RC 53 and RC 57 that will give the BOF options to address the interception. RC 53 would not require any changes to the management plan and RC 57 address the interception in both the chum remote release fisheries at AFK and Port Chalmers and would add language to the management plan.

Thank You,

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