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ACA Comment on Board of Fish Proposal #116

The Alaska Charter Association is a statewide organization representing operators of more than 250 for-hire charter vessels, associated businesses and recreational saltwater fishermen.

The ACA does **not support** establishing a regional non-resident annual limit.

We agree with the Department's comment that they are "opposed to establishing the annual limits in the absence of a conservation concern or management need. Annual limits may be more difficult to enforce than traditional sport fishing seasons, bag limits, and size limits, and carry associated harvest requirements for all anglers that harvest a fish of that species."

In addition, there is no recreational ABC (Allowable Biological Catch) or quota allocation established that would demand further harvest measures.

Sincerely,



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