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Via FAX 907-465-6094
Via email: dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov and online form

Re: Chilkat River and King Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan


The Mayor's Office and the Haines Borough administration support Option A - Status Quo in managing the commercial harvest of Chilkat River King Salmon. Option A duplicates the management decisions of 2017.


Option B - reducing the hours of commercial fishing periods and Option C - reducing the number of commercial fishing periods will severely impact individual gillnetters and our local economy.

A reduced fishery in the Lynn Canal will force productive gillnetters to abandon the fishery and move into other areas. The Haines Borough is heavily dependent on the fisheries taxes paid based on the number of fish processed in our borough.

With all due respect for the complexity in rebuilding the King Salmon stock, Option A - Status Quo remains the best option for the Haines Borough. Management strategies that focus on elements other than time and area need exploration.

Sincerely,


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Mayor


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Manager