PROPOSAL 23

5 AAC 01.610. Fishing seasons; 5 AAC 01.616. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses; and 5 AAC 01.645. Subsistence bag, possession, and size limits; annual limits.
Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, or establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence and bag and possession limits for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, as follows:

Modify regulations to make rainbow trout and steelhead negative for C&T, or identify stocks and create harvest opportunity to meet the lowest amount determined reasonably necessary to meet the positive C&T. Currently, the amount necessary for all finfish other than salmon is 25,000 – 42,000.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Rainbow trout and steelhead have a positive C&T, but retention is not allowed except as incidental fishwheel catch.

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