



March 09, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I have been fishing the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers for the past 30 years. It high time to put the king's first and the sport and commercial fishing interest second. This proposition is nothing short of being irresponsible with proper management of the resource. It makes perfect sense to let the fish show up before the commercial fisheries use the set nests on the east side. It also makes sense for sport fishing not to take place or at a minimum catch and release until the lower end escapement goal has been met. Please do not let prop 283 pass the fisheries can't take any more abuse.

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Jeff Bressler

Kasilof
99610



February 15, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I'm a resident of the Kenai Peninsula, I fish the rivers and bays year round. I moved to Alaska to enjoy these amazing fisheries, that include the Kenai King Salmon, I have seen first hand the effects of bycatch on the kings on Kenai and Kaslof rivers. I believe the negative impacts of that far outweigh the benefits of additional red salmon harvest. Give them a chance to recover.

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Jeff Hodges

Fritz Creek
99603



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Please do not pass this. This is not management. Follow the science.

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Jeffrey Johnson

Anchorage
99507



February 16, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I live in Kenai and do most of my fishing on the Kenai River. It's a travesty how the board has let the Kenai King run become so decimated over the years . This fishery needs to be shut down.

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Jeffrey Pfile

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Please keep the regulations tight for commercial fishing in cook inlet. Do not lower the escapement goals for the kenai king salmon. The only way to get king salmon to spawn in the rivers is to let them get to their spawning grounds. Get the nets out of cook inlet or it is going to end up like Puget Sound.



March 07, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I live in Seattle and Miami but Fish all over the world but primarily in Alaska. MANY of my close friends are commercial fisherman in Alaska as are similar friends in Canada - how do you feel if we support Canada over fishing like your are proposing?! Don't be ignorant don't rob Peter (tourism) to pay Paul (commercial). DO NOT EXTEND COMMERCIAL FISHING OR I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO NOT FISH IN ALASKA.

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Jeffrey Valcik

Seattle
98109



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Proposal 282. I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist that works and lives in Chignik Lagoon. Food security is a huge issue especially in rural Alaska. There is no store here and we either must have our groceries flown down from Anchorage or King Salmon or barged up from Seattle. This is not sustainable. All families that live in the Chignik Area, use Chignik fish to keep food on the table during our long winter months. Without this fish run, we struggle to keep our families fed. This is why I support Proposal 282. I would like to see ADF&G as well as Board of Fish members do even more with conservation to help our weak fish runs and to restore a strong fishery so our children have the same opportunities to provide for their families as so many generations before them have.

Thank you for your time,

Jennie Grunert, RDN, LD, CDCES

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Licensed Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist



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Jennifer Greene

Anchorage
99502



February 16, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I'm a 28 year Alaskan and have raised a family here. Fishing the Kenai kings was a part of my kids upbringing. I have not fished for kings in years because of the low numbers. Please protect the resource for my grandkids to enjoy.

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Jens Laipenieks

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February 18, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

Please do not allow anymore additional Chinook or commercial fishing in the Cook Inlet or Kenai river! Please start using PURE science to manage all our species, including By-catch, and quit "bowing" to special interests. It's also time to regulate and restrict guides on the middle river. They're ruining our resource, environment and trout fisheries now that they can not "financially" guide for Chinooks on the river!

Currently ADF&G cannot reduce fishing restrictions until the OEG is achieved. If passed, Proposal 283 would allow projected escapements to be utilized rather than actual fish in the river. It's literally putting the cart before the horse; commercial fishing will be permitted before sufficient king salmon have actually made it into the river, based on the OEG.

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Jerald Blackson

Sterling
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February 24, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

If you completely wipe out king salmon one river at a time not only will Alaskas economy go down it will effect so many lives that depend on the salmon to feed their families through the winter. Who says it'll stop there? Once the kings are gone what's next? Sockeye? Cohoe? Once you completely pillage the kings you'll move on to the next species and wipe them out along with Alaskan native villages and families. I hope you make the right choice on preserving alaskas wild life and Alaskans way of life instead of filling your pockets fueled by your greed

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Jeremy Heffele

Kasilof
99610



March 11, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I've been in Southcentral Alaska for over 40 years and enjoy fishing on the Kenai peninsula and in PWS. I hope to be able to continue this activity in the future

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Jerome Birch

Anchorage
99509



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Dear Board of Fish,

I live in Renton Wa and have been working in Alaska and fishing the Kenai for more than 25 years. I realize you have a tough job balancing commercial red fishing with Kenai sport fishing, but my experience is consistent. When the nets come out the fishing on the Kenai is good, when they are in virtually no fish including Kings are caught. The bi-catch of Kings in the set nets should be an embarrassment to fish & game. A few years ago, I went to one of the processors at the mouth of the Kenai for supplies and watched a set netter bring in his catch of sockeye, which was great, but the problem was he had three "totes " filled with large king salmon. All the restrictions of single hook, no bait, catch and release for sport fisherman will not compensate for the decimation of the King run caused by the "bi-catch", especially the miles and miles of set nets from below Deep Creek to the mouth of the Kenai. This cannot continue if you want to save the best "King" fishery in the World. I will end with one anecdote that tells the whole story. About 10 or 12 years ago they closed all commercial fishing for I believe it was 3 to 5 days and I happened to be there at the time. It was the greatest single day of King fishing I have ever witnessed. It just happened to coincide with a "fishing trip" by the then Governor of Alaska! Based on what the Governor saw fishing on the Kenai was still great. Thanks for your time and my rant. JerryD

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Jerry Dambrosio

Bellevue
98006



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We fish at least every other year in Alaska and would like to see the preservation of the King Salmon

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Jerry Diamond
Smithville
64089



February 20, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I disagree with this plan, the Kenai river kings are already at risk. This plan will put them further endanger of smaller runs in the future. If we want to continue to use these fish as a resource for commercial, personal, and sport fishing alike. We need to all come together and find the best management plan we can to boost these numbers and to provide opportunities for our children in the future

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Jesse Deaton
Valdez
99686



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Dear Board of Fish,

I am a sportsman who live in the Anchorage Burrough. At a time when escapement goals are currently not being reached, lowering the escape to goal would only jeopardize the fishery further for all users of the fishery. It would be asinine and irresponsible to lower the goal. Please consider the future of the fishery and not just the current market price for the commercial industry.

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Jesse Funk

Anchorage
99504



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Local resident and sports fisherman on the Kenai River

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Jim Brady

Sterling
99672



March 01, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

Alaskan resident for almost 56 years and KenI Peninsula resident for almost 30 years. The king run has been decimated. Every year in season changes are made and remade and still there is no good news in regards to this run. And now more irresponsible decisions are being considered which will only benefit the commercial set netters and further destroy the king salmon runs in Cook Inlet. Eventually Alaska will reach the point of having nothing but hatchery fish because all the native king runs will be gone and never to return.

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Jim Trombley

Kenai
99611



March 12, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I grew up in the Interior of Alaska and now live in Anchorage. One of the perks of living in Alaska's largest city is that I can now fish one of the world's greatest sport fishing waters on a regular basis. Whether it is a long weekend or a quick day trip, the Kenai River is a go-to spot to get out of the city and re-connect with this paradise we call home.

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Joe Balash

Anchorage
99502



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Dear Board of Fish,

I will return to my cabin on the Kenai in Sterling for the 22nd summer. Being retired since 1992 from the AF after serving 35 years, we cherish the opportunity to spend the entire summer fishing in our back yard and spending quality time with our wonderful neighbors and family members.. We cherish these moments and thank the wonderful State of Alaska for this great and special opportunity. .I trust the work and decisions of the Board to keep managing this valuable resource for everyone’s enjoyment. Thank you Alaska

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Joe Coniglio

Parker
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Dear Board of Fish,

The escapement numbers are biological numbers. Set by fish and game. Lowering the numbers won't solve the problem. Commercial fishing..esp. by catch and foreign ships with no respect for the N.A. management model are the problem. Please address the problem.

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Concerning proposals # 255 and 258 to close all little neck and butter clam harvest in Kachemak Bay waters...I do not support this action.

While the waters/beaches cited at China Poot, Jakalof may show depletion of both clams, this is simply due to the bulk of clammers using those areas. I don't...and have no difficulty harvesting 80 clams in an hours effort at the beaches I go to...which are not any of those that were studied.

The beaches I clam are more difficult to walk around on, have large rock areas and are not in the main K'bay area waters...and there is still plenty of both little neck and butter variety.

Change the recommendation to closing those cited beaches...an action that is probably already being done in some manner or another. To close the whole bay is not indicated or necessary and will not serve to revitalize the over harvested popular beaches.



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Strongly support the efforts by ADFG to have a management plan for subsistence clamming on the east side Cook Inlet beaches.

By doing this in the "subsistence" arena it excludes non resident participation....while allowing Alaskan residents to have first crack at a resource, razor and other clams, without having out of state folks make the numbers needed to have an "opening" to high. This will allow Alaskans potentially the fastest return to some opportunity to razor clam locally.

I support a further restriction to this opening to residents of the Kenai Peninsula only, or as a first priority. Other Alaskan communities do this, particularly in hunting area 23, for moose with local residents being able to easily participate and other Alaskans having restrictive sign up requirements, like having to physically travel to area 23 to get a tag months prior to open seasons.

Either way, having a management plan to be able to open, and close if/as needed is a smart move and should be approved as soon as possible.

Let's not have a debacle like the Beluga whales of Cook Inlet being rifle shot/slaughtered by Bethel area natives under subsistence category when they have zero history of whaling. (ADN repeated articles years back as the Beluga's of Cook Inlet "disappeared" and insufficient management efforts were made to stabilize the population and native "visitors" into Tyonek in particular herded and rifle shot Beluga's...with Bethel natives being the most reported "visitors" doing non historical "whaling traditions".

Final comment, hope the spring survey is a good news thing and that some return to east side Cook Inlet clamming is possible in 2022.



March 10, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I have been fishing the Kenai for the past 25 years, and over the past few years, my 2 king limit has yet to be reached.

If the commercial fleet is allowed to net more, then you can kiss sportfishing good by. I wonder how many other industries that sport fishermen support by coming to the river to catch that king. Most people fly up for around two weeks and with a very limited chance to catch a king, then those dollars will end up elsewhere.

So you either support the local economy or you are telling them, screw you.

VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSAL.

John Butler

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JOHN BUTLER

ORANGE
92869



February 15, 2022

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John Cho

Soldotna
99669



February 20, 2022

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riverfront owner on the Kenai and would love to see Kings return in numbers sustainable for the future. I am willing to sacrifice my king fishing until later to make sure they return. This should also be the views of commercial fishers.

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John Dolbinski

Anchorage
99502



March 11, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

As an avid sportsman and fisherman who comes to Alaska often to fish and recreate I oppose proposal 283 as it is written. The rules for king salmon recovery should apply equally to the commercial fish and and sportsman regarding catching/killing/harvesting said species. It is imperative that the Kenai King Salmon fishery recover to a sustainable population level. Thank you for listening, please vote NO on Proposal 283. A

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JOHN FEND

Eagle
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John Iverson

Soldotna
99669



March 08, 2022

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40 year resident. I believe that "shared pain" is the fairest way to manage fish and game. I sympathize with the commercial fishermen losing income, but reduced salmon available to non-commercial people has the same effect; we pay more for groceries and lose a great recreational opportunity. Too, many small businesses reap the rewards of sport fishers shopping in their stores. There is no easy answer to this.

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John Klingel
Fairbanks
99712



February 24, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

My wife and I are retired Alaskans currently living on in Moose Pass. We love the area and all the land offers, fishing, hunting and scenery. We VERY concerned about our natural resource the mighty King Salmon and how it will survive in the future. That is why we're sending this letter in the hope it will help sway your decision to stay the course on your previous decision

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John Smart

Moose Pass
99631



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Thank you in advance,

John D. Thompson
FedEx Flight Operations/Sport Fisherman/Business Owner

Saint Charles, MO. 63304

John Thompson

SAINT CHARLES
63304-4511



February 27, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

John weber is the name. I'm a fishing guide down here on the kenai and kasilof river going on ten years now. I am on my hands and knees begging BoF to take into concern the longevity and lively good of these kings. I'm not from here, but I do live here now. This place is unlike anywhere in the world. There is no where in the world that produces these genetic monsters. And the numbers are showing that these fish are disappearing at a humbling rate. Please do your part and keep this place unique with its kings. Let's put salmon on a pedestal and protect these fish. Let's not sell these fish for bottom dollar price to meet demand. Anyone from here knows these fish are so much more than \$\pound. Please do not be like every else in the world that has disregarded their home due to money. Put the king on a pedistal. Save the kings, by all measure. I am no on prop 283, do not lower the escarpment goal, shoot for the stars when protecting these things. Do not rob Peter to pay Paul. If you have never caught or fished for these amazing creations, I suggest you book a trip on the kenai and give yourself that moment to understand what you are voting for when you say yes to 283. No on 283, No on 283... [REDACTED] NOOO ON 283! Love your state, defend your state, protect your state. Again this is just coming from some kid that was never born here. It baffles me that individuals from this state was t to bleed it only while they are on this earth, with zero remorse for what the state will look like for later generations.

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John Weber

Cooper Landing
99572



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I have a son who is a licensed guide , was on the Kenai , but now guides on the Nushagak, and I was a Kenai River Guide back in the 90's, it is important to me and my family that doing everything possible to preserve the Kenai King should be done. Do not let commercial fishermen continue to damage this fragile fishery. There is really no good reason to harvest any Kings during these historic low runs.

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Jon Stolski

Baxter
56425



February 16, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I've fished in Alaska for 20 years. For the last 10 or so, I've spent 2 weeks fishing the Kenai in September. It's one of my favorite places on this planet. Managing the Kenai salmon runs, the foundation of the eco system, is very important to me.

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Jon Swearer

spring city
19475



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Joseph Cartier

Dylan
Soldotna
99669



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I lived in Alaska for many years and currently travel back as a sport fisherman annually and contribute thousands of dollars to the Alaskan economy. It is an old battle between sport fishing and the commercial fleet. One I delt with in the late 70's, 80's and 90's. The same argument over and over. To jeopardize the Alaskan tourism industry and economy for this short-sided view and lack of managing this great resource is a shame. Please vote "No" on Proposal 283.

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Joseph Defilippis

Mesa
85213



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joseph driscoll

SEASIDE
93955



February 15, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I have been fishing Kings on the Kenai for nearly for 40 years. I have a home on the River and hope with proper management we will once again see Kings thrive as they did in the 1980s and '90s. We have all been sacrificing over the last few years to save the run. Don't throw that away now to benefit a few individuals.

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Joseph Vidrine

Anchorage
99517



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Concerned Alaskan, Blake Zollinger

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joseph zollinger
EAGLE RIVER
99577



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Joshua Abrams

Washington
27889



February 26, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I live in Anchorage, I fish once a year on the Kenai for an enjoyable experience and hope to take home a few fish to eat over the year. I have many friends that base their livelihood on sport fishing. Sport fishing is considered population control to keep the ecosystem in tact. Commercial fishing takes zero environmental precautions, disrupts the eco system, kills a large amount of unintended wildlife, and negatively impacts sport fishing.

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Joshua Bleznak

Anchorage
99507



March 07, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

joshua shuman Harrisburg pa I have been to Alaska on fishing trips and the only thing that you should be concerned about is protecting the king salmon . I think that all sport fishing should also be shut down for king salmon till the numbers say that its safe to fish for them

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joshua shuman

HARRISBURG
17110



March 10, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I currently live in Pennsylvania, but was fortunate to call Alaska “home” from 2014-2017. During my time there, I had the great pleasure of fishing The Kenai several times each year, including for kings. I am 51 years old, have been fishing my entire life and can confidently say that fishing in Alaska is an experience unlike any other.

I will continue returning to Alaska, whenever I’m able, and I intend to bring friends and family with me, so they can also enjoy these wonderful experiences.

I’m hopeful that through this petition, Proposal 283 will be defeated. Thus, preserving the king salmon population for recreational fishing that we can all continue to enjoy.

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JP Connelly

Garnet Valley
19060



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Madam Chair & Members of the Board,

What can I say that hasn't already been said about the draconian proposal 182. I could try and inundate you with the science and numbers but at this point I imagine you've got enough of that from scientists much more qualified than me. Yes, Area M is a mixed stock fishery. Yes, there is a long history of this, dating back to the early 1900's when Pacific American Seafoods (now Peter Pan Seafoods) built a cannery in 1911 in King Cove. Yes, we harvest a small proportion of fish that transit to various parts of the state. To deny the history of Area M's mixed stock harvest is unreasonable, but equally unreasonable is to assume that we are the major contributors to the failures of any of the various runs that are in decline or failing throughout the state. As described by a paper that examined the effects of mixed stock fishery on a stock of concern, "Results indicate that a mixed stock fishery, for which a specific stock contributes only a small portion of the total harvest, may have little relative effect on the stock, even if it is in substantial decline and the total harvest of the fishery remains unchanged." (Lloyd 1996). From the most applicable science to date, the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP), Area M's harvest rate of Chignik bound sockeye is in the low single digits, which I believe would qualify as a small portion of the total harvest.

What is happening in Chignik is clearly a concern. The cause of it though is exponentially more confounding, confusing, and convoluted. Making regulatory changes to its neighboring Area M fishery out of cycle and without the benefit of current ADF&G analysis for both Area M and Area L seems myopic and ineffective in actually figuring what is going on in Chignik and how it can be solved. As a fisherman, the thought of sitting on the beach waiting to fish is a not only a disturbing idea but indeed a harsh reality that has played out for us in Area M for the last five August even years, dating back to 2010. And the reality of those even years is that often June and July are what kept our seasons afloat. My first year owning and running a boat in 2012, I waited until September 17th in hopes of a late Pink or Coho run to fish on, it didn't happen. I arrived late in June that year, missing more than half the month, and July was dismal. Were it not for the good people at the Alaska Division Of Economic Development who helped finance my operation and who opted to push back my first loan payment a year, I don't think I would have made it.

Since 2013, I have attended and testified at every in-cycle Board of Fish meeting for our area. And at every meeting the South Peninsula has lost something. In 2013 we lost three days of fishing in June, in 2016 it was a hard cap on sockeye harvest in the Dolgoi area (I believe windows for July were aligned for all gear types as well), and in 2019 the purse seiners were completely removed from the Dolgoi area in June. And at each of these meetings we were told it was a compromise. After hearing that word for nearly 10 years now it's hard to see such changes as being anything but a loss. But even so, after each of these management changes we hoped, that at the very least, it would do something to help our Chignik neighbors and any other communities in the state that rely on salmon. Unfortunately however, that doesn't seem to be the case. At some point we will be compromised out of a viable fishery. Boats will likely try to leave or be sold, our communities that rely on the fishery will suffer, and it will lead to destitution as we are compromised out of existence.

I know there is no proverbial smoking gun or arrow to the heart set of facts or information that will convince you one way or another. However, if you are to take action on this proposal and limit our June and July seasons by nearly half, it will be an arrow to the heart of our entire area. Please consider holding off making any changes out of cycle and instead examine the management plans of these areas next year at the regularly scheduled meeting. When the entirety of these management plans can be viewed and assessed as a whole and not in the vacuum of once specific out of cycle proposal.

Respectfully,

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March 08, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I have lived in Alaska for 40 years. My family and I have enjoyed fishing the Kenai, Resurrection Bay, etc. We do not need more commercial fishing in our rivers.

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IN FAVOR: PROPOSAL 283

This is the first glimmer of hope we have seen for our fishery (which has a long history) to remain viable. We have 3 generations of our family currently fishing on our fish site, which is located on Salamatof Beach in Nikiski.

I have been a resident of Nikiski for 58 years, and my husband has been here for 67 years. We have been involved in commercial fishing for almost all of that time. My husband first fished on this beach as a crew member in 1955. At this time, our adult children hold the permits, and we again are crew. Since 2011, there seems to have been a systematic effort by our own government to decimate our Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Industry. The "paired restrictions" have never been based on biology, nor have they been equitable or appropriate. The result has been huge over escapements of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River and the Kasilof River. We fish 12 miles north of the Kenai River. The set net fishermen have never targeted Kings. Our money fish, and the fish we need to fish are the sockeyes. In 2021, we had a total of 5 fishing openings. 2 of these were impossible for us to fish during the whole opening due to extreme tides, and no access to our beach. As soon as the sockeye run started to appear on our beach, we were shut down. An then there was a huge sockeye run which went way over the established optimum escapment goal established by the department.

So we waited. Hoping for an opening. Finally, we thought we would get openings after the late run King Management plan ended on July 31st. But no, we remained closed for the season. How do we hire crew or expect our college age help to wait to see if they will fish? It's impossible.

This proposal will give us a chance to harvest the sockeyes that we target, and also help the Kenai River to be healthy for future runs. The consistent over escapement of sockeye salmon the last few years will have an impact on the future runs that certainly won't be good for anyone.



February 19, 2022

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Another item on this proposal reads CM when have we ever measured in centimeters. The Regulations we have to read through all read in inches!

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To ADFG Board Members:

I moved to Alaska in 1979. I immediately fell in love with the Alaska way of life. I learn to bait my own fishing hook and clean my own fish from my aunt Edna when I was 10 years old. I quickly used these skills to fish the waters of Alaska, catching salmon, halibut and the other jewels of the waters of Alaska. The most precious jewel of the waters of Alaska were the Prince William Sound shrimp. I discover them, much to my delight, by the efforts of the dedicated commercial fishermen.

It is much to my chagrin that ADFG is trying to control and decrease the ability of the commercial fishermen to supply us with the Prince William sound shrimp on the open market.

I have friends who shrimp off their boats, catch a few now and then, but not a reliable source for my needs. I love shrimp and make great southern shrimp and grits. Don't take my shrimp away from me! This 90 year old lady needs her commercial fishermen. I still like to fish but do not know how to shrimp or swim.

There are others like me who don't really realize ADFG is attempting to limit their seafood supply, but are also affecting the income of the hard-working commercial fishermen. Sounds unfair in all aspects to me. How would you like someone to constrict your income? Pleas reconsider your proposal.

Respectfully,

Katy Nalley
Anchorage, Ak



March 01, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

Life long alaskan, grew up enjoying alaskas resources. Lowering the OEG is only going to hurt our future. When you set a goal you arnt meeting the solution is not to lower the goal to meetable level, the solution is to address issues that will allow for meeting the goal. Our Cook Inlet commercial fisherman take a percentage of the run as do the sport fisheries, our main problem is an ocean survival rate from bycatch and lack of feed due to overpopulation of stocked fish, and obviously climate change. Certain factors are out of our hands but addressing bycatch and limiting stocking is our next step. The local comm fleet and sport fish have sacrificed enough but now is not the time to give a hand out for a small minority of commercial permits. It does not make sense from an economic value or a ecological benefiting decision. Oppose prop 283 and will be at the board of fisheries to voice my opinion.

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February 23, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I live in the valley and am a die hard fisherman at heart, favorite species to target is king. Sadly there numbers dwindling fast and they need are protection if their gonna make a comeback

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March 11, 2022

Dear Board of Fish,

I live in Oregon and have been fishing the Kenai for the past 3 years. Preserving this valuable resource and maintaining a healthy and robust King Salmon run each year should be one of the highest priorities for Board of Fisheries. All efforts to protect the King Salmon run should put in place even if it means impacting commercial fishing. We must protect this valuable resource

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