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Alaska Board of Fisheries Members:

I am an Alaska resident and lifelong commercial fishermen. I fish in the South Alaska Peninsula or Area M salmon fisheries with a purse seine commercial fishing permit. Today, I am writing in opposition to ACR 6 and ACR 7.

Both of these requests seek significant allocation actions outside of the normal regulatory cycle, but neither meets the requirements for an agenda change. ADF&G comments also confirmed that these two ACRs are not 1) for a fishery conservation purpose or reason; 2) correct an error in a regulation; or 3) correct an unforeseen error in regulation. Allocative proposals should be submitted to the Board in April 2022 and then they will be discussed when everyone impacted by these changes would be expecting to participate and comment and when other proposals are discussed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

-Troy Denkinger



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Subject: Policy for Changing Board Agenda for ACR 6 and 7

Dear Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries:

The Unga Tribal Council (Native Village of Unga), a federally recognized Aleut Tribe is submitting comments in regards to the following ACR's 6 and 7 being brought before the Board of Fish during its Work Session October 20-21, 2021. WE are asking the Board of Fish to not accept ACR 6 and 7 that would restrict salmon fishing in the South Alaska Peninsula Areas to address salmon escapement concerns in Chignik, for the following reasons, they do not meet the criteria for accepting ACR's.

The Chignik late run and total escapement objectives were met in 2021 and the total Chignik escapement increased compared to the previous 3 year average period. With escapement goals met there is no conservation purposes to justify considering an out of cycle proposal on ACR 6 and 7.

During the regular Board of Fish meetings in 2016 and 2019 the board made significant changes to the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management plans to address Chignik concerns. The following actions transpired during those years; in 2016, the board established the Dolgoi area and set a 191,000 sockeye cap. In 2019, the board realigned the set net, drift and seine fishery's June schedules resulting in an increase of 73% more hours of open waters with zero nets fishing in the South Alaska Peninsula area. In 2019 the Board closed the Dolgoi area to seine gear in June.

With the above listed changes made ADFG also exercised in season emergency management authority as appropriate in Area M. There is no error in regulations or unforeseen effect on the fishery. Proposals on ACR 6 and 7 coming forth to the board should be considered at the South Alaska Peninsula and/or Chignik meetings during the Regular upcoming board cycle.



In addition to the restrictions set forth in the Shumagin Islands and South Unimak management area, most notably the historical local fishery in the South East District Mainland area has been closed the past four years. The South Alaska Peninsula fishermen do share the burden of conservation.

We urge the Board of Fisheries to reject the agenda change in regards to the requests on ACR 6 and 7 and to focus its efforts on reviewing the concerns of our fishery during its regularly scheduled meeting through the normal public process.

Qagaasakuq! Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Foster /aj".

John Foster

President



**From:** [B.L](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Chignik salmon run  
**Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021 8:26:25 AM

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I am a permit holder and fisherman for 32 years in the Chignik area. I have had to go to another area to fish due to the failed returns of the fishery. The June fishery in the Shumigan Islands must be shut down in order for the early run to survive. The escapement for the first run has not been achieved. If the board of fish ignores this the run will no longer exist. The harvest capability's in area M over the years has increased dramatically. This is blatant miss management for the financial gains of area M. Having [REDACTED] the X commissioner lobby for area M is not good. There is reckless disregard for the future of our fishery. Stop the greed.

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Hi Board of Fish- The Chignik River 1st run salmon have failed to meet minimum escapement run 4 years in a row. The 'wait and see' attitude of ADF&G needs to take action or Alaska will lose another viable fish run. ADF&G's mission to protect, maintain, and improve the fish... is not what the recent actions of the biologists and board has shown. Allowing intercept fisheries to continue to commercial fish a run that is weak and on the verge of dying, shows that you do not have the best interest in our natural resources. The board needs to work with the biologist and take action before it is too late. You need to protect our resources and you need to do it now.

Thank you,

Jennie Grunert

Chignik Lagoon Resident

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There is no criteria to bring up area Area M fisheries at this work session. Chignik's escapement has been met for their second run & was above the ten year average. Area M has been micro-managed by the Chignik escapement plan- for over forty years Stepovak has been shut down & last board cycle the Dolgoi area was also shut down to the seiners ... 80 miles of coastline. Also during the last board cycle, Cape Igvak & Kodiak were shut down, showing little, if no change to chignik's escapement. The WASSIP study shows area M has very little harvest impact on Chignik , and already shares the burden of conservation with our current management plan.

Thank you,  
  
Melvin Larsen  
  
Area M seiner



**From:** Raechel Allen  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** Mitchell, McKenzie (DFG)  
**Subject:** Lower escapements S Pen/Chignik

Board member McKenzie Mitchell,

Thank you for taking the time to speak on the phone while you were in Chignik. We spoke of the importance of escapement goals being achieved in the late 60's and 70's and how that was an important factor in rebuilding the salmon runs then. I had mentioned that it seemed escapements were lowering gradually. When escapements are lower it is easier to achieve goals while maintaining active fisheries (both terminal and intercept). I have included instances where escapements both overall and during time periods have lowered.

This leads me to have greater concern for interception fisheries of Chignik stocks. It also concerns me that as fishing increased in the Shumagins and other points of interception (both earlier and more often), the Chignik escapement may (I believe) have been shifted later and even managed at times on lower ends of escapement. Both these occurrences combined would be exacerbating the escapement issue in Chignik.

In providing protection for Chignik's sockeye salmon, I hope the Board of Fish will consider closing statistical areas that naturally encourage catch on east bound sockeye such as Areas spoken of in the following ADFG excerpt should be considered:

*"It is speculated that large numbers of Chignik sockeye may be intercepted during July in portions of the Shumagin Islands Section. These locations do not have a documented history of substantial fishing effort until recently. The locations in question are:*

*(1) The west side of Unga Island located between Bay Point and Archedin Point.*

*(2) The portion of the Shumagin Islands Section located south of 55" N. lat. (which includes Mountain Point on Nagai Island).*

*- 1- The above locations (and other locations in the Outer Shumagins where it is suspected that large numbers of Chignik destined sockeye are being taken) will be closed to commercial salmon fishing if substantial numbers of sockeye are being caught and the Department determines that the late Chignik run is below escapement needs." 1990 Alaska Peninsula General Management Plan pg. 1-2*



Also, a return to the pre 2001 GHL ratios of catch in the S Pen (approx. 80% Unimak fishery 20% Shumagin fishery) should be implemented.

Thank you for your consideration. Post script are various changes in escapements.

Raechel Allen

Post script:

SOUTH PENINSULA ESCAPEMENTS

Thin Point escapement in the South Peninsula was 20k-30k in 1997 and presently is 14k-28k.

Thin Point Lake Weir -Thin Point Lake weir is located at the outlet of Thin Point Lake, 55° 02' N. latitude, 162° 38' W. longitude and is about 150 feet in length and varies from 6 inches to 8 feet in depth. The weir has been operated annually since 1994 by two ADF&G employees from mid-July through late August. The point escapement goal is 25,000 salmon and the range is 20,000 to 30,000 salmon. (Regional Information Report No. 4K98-40 pg.3)

Coho escapement goal in Thin Point Lake of 3000-6000 was eliminated at the 2013 Board Meeting

Orzinski (Orzenoi)

Table 2. Sockeye salmon adult escapement requirements for Orzinski Lake.

| Time Period  | Cumulative Escapement Goal |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| June 15      | 0                          |
| July 1       | 2,000                      |
| July 9       | 5,000                      |
| July 16      | 10,000                     |
| July 23      | 15,000                     |
| August 7     | 20,000                     |
| Season Total | 20,000                     |

Regional Information Report No. 4K94-14

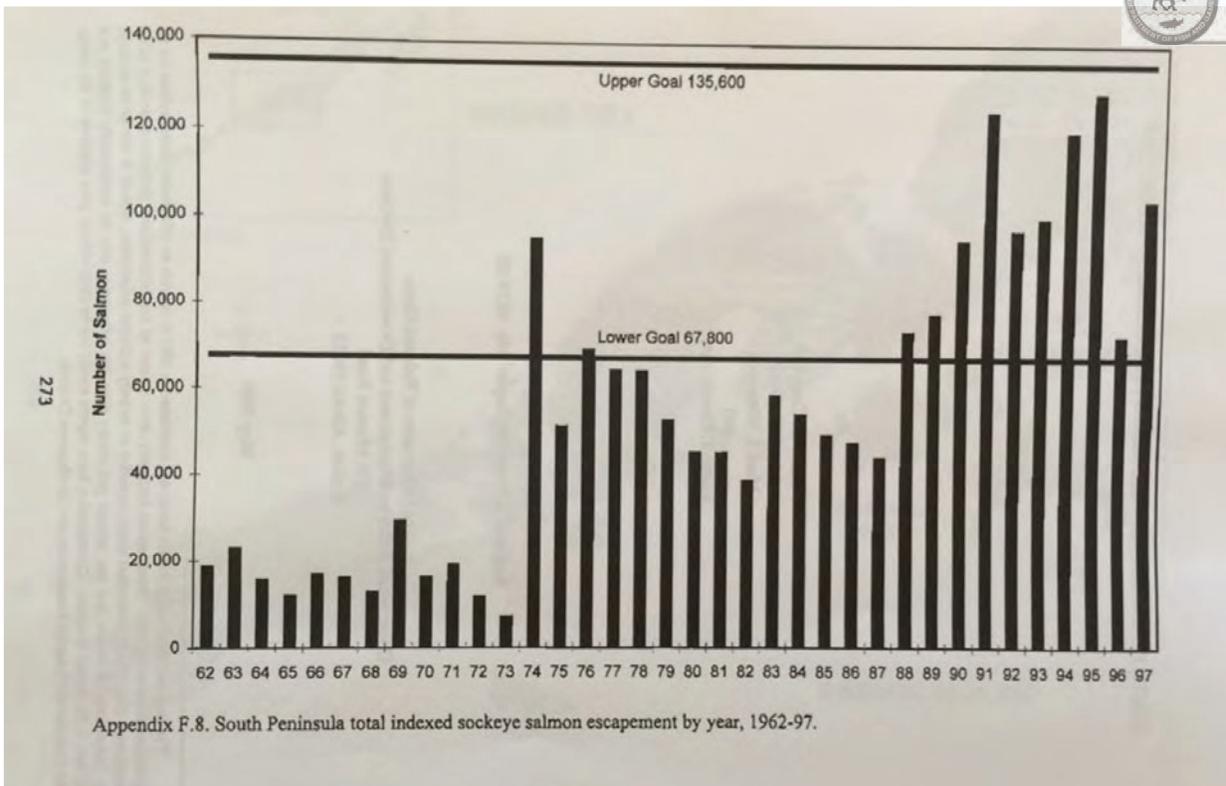
(April 1994), p.7

Orzinski became 15k-20k escapement

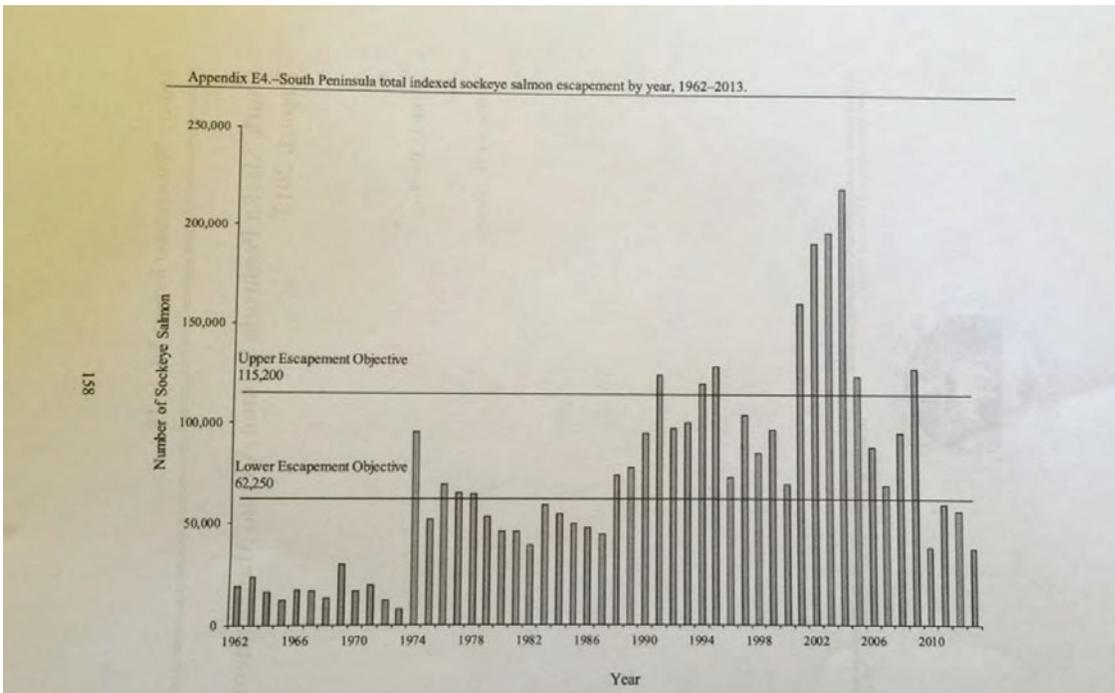
Middle Lagoon (Morchovoi)

Escapement was 16,000 – 32,000 sockeye (Regional Information Report No. 4K98-29, p.14)

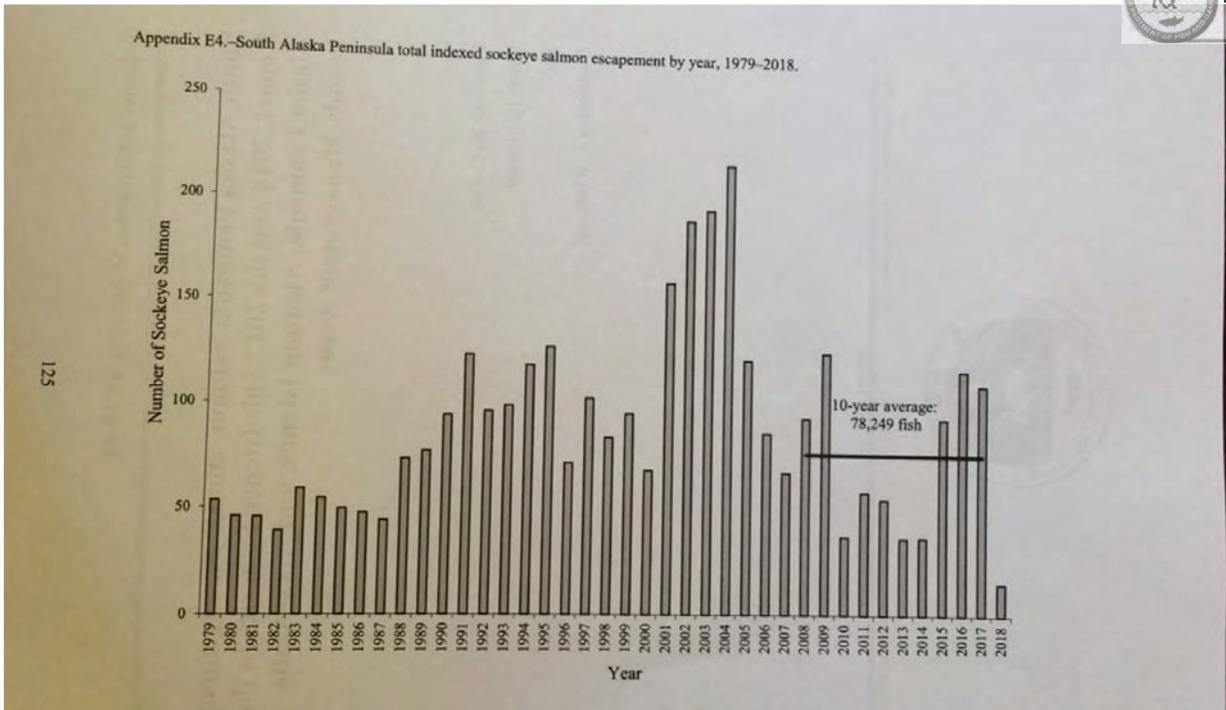
But isn't listed with a set escapement goal recently.



The escapement goal range was 67,800-135,000 (Regional Information Report No. 4K98-29, p.14)



Lower escapement objective was 62,250 sockeye in the 2013 AMR  
In the 2019 Peninsula Season Summary it cites a management objective of 48,200-86,400.



CHIGNIK ESCAPEMENT

from 1987 ADFG Annual Report

"The Chignik Management Area closed to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 P.M. 18 June and remained closed until 8:00 P.M. 20 June in order to bring the sockeye escapement back within the escapement schedule. A cumulative escapement of 200,000 sockeye through the weir by 20 June is desired. At 10:00 A.M. on 20 June this was achieved so another opening was announced for 8:00 P.M. on 20 June. The fishery remained open until 6:00 P.M. 23 June when a closure was again necessary to ensure that the early run escapement goal of 400,000 sockeye would be achieved by the end of June."

Escapement

| Species                | Count For 06-20-2021 | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   | 2018   | 2017    | 2016    | 2015    | 2014    | 2013    | 2012    |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Chignik River:</b>  |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 9,402                | 61,398 | 22,457 | 61,144 | 33,377 | 188,333 | 147,811 | 193,578 | 149,222 | 170,124 | 221,530 |
| Pink                   | 0                    | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Nelson River:</b>   |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 0                    | 2      | 10     | 511    | 359    | 2,508   | 1,186   | 10,648  | 28,240  | 62,177  | 640     |
| <b>Bear River:</b>     |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 5,923                | 23,990 | 2,733  | 7,640  | 6,352  | 28,185  | 16,863  | 18,087  | 36,660  | 29,326  | 12,223  |
| <b>Ilnik River:</b>    |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 2,451                | 26,998 | 2,840  | 41,555 | 6,716  | 46,521  | 24,616  | 9,733   | 12,333  | 3,810   | 2,703   |
| <b>Orzinski River:</b> |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 0                    | 32     | 16     | 4      | 0      | 20      | 25      | 110     | 14      | 416     | 88      |
| <b>Sandy River:</b>    |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 786                  | 2,758  | 599    | 373    | 884    | 902     | 8,293   | 6,967   | 3,306   | 3,349   | 237     |
| <b>McLees:</b>         |                      |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sockeye                | 95                   | 777    | 350    | -      | -      | 167     | 4,967   | 5,053   | 2,210   | 5,171   | -       |

\*2012 was the last year 200k escapement was met by 6/20\*

\*I am unaware when the last year 400k was escaped by 6/30 \*



10/6/2021

Chairwoman Marit Carlson-Van Dort and board members,

I am a Chignik permit holder and have spent my life enjoying Chignik, it's beauty, it's bounty, and it's culture. All of these hinge on it's fisheries, salmon being predominant. An ACR is rightly being asked of you at this time. For years the people of Chignik testified that the fishery was becoming evermore precarious, opening earlier on less escapement, and having more lengthy closures post June to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> run escapement when it would fall behind and having traditional areas closed more frequently to help augment weak escapements. What used to be managed for, 400k sockeye escaped by June 30<sup>th</sup>, was subsequently managed to target the lower bounds of the early run escapement since 2002. The lower escapements numbers, which also adjusted temporally, helped keep the Chignik fishery open but masked the effects from changes happening in and from intercept fisheries. Eventually, the temporal shift in escapement, as well as aiming for lower bounds of escapement, combined with changes in interception fishing (shifting catch east to the Shumagin fishery by eliminating the GHL in 2001 as one example) have collectively negatively impacted the Chignik fishery and stocks.

In 2018, both Chignik sockeye runs failed and as well the Chinook run (only 825 of the minimum escapement), and for all intensive purposes, with no fishery being prosecuted. The Department of Fish and Game suggested it was an anomaly, perhaps related to the "blob" and that we could take comfort in that they were looking at the situation daily.

In 2019, the Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon run did not develop as forecasted and no directed sockeye salmon commercial fishing periods were scheduled from early June through mid-July. The first run was slightly below minimum objectives.

In 2020 we again experienced exceptionally low escapement for both first and second runs, and as well, the Chinook count did not meet escapement goals. Again, there was no fishery.

This summer, 2021, the first run was well below escapement, the second run was abysmal with only 113k sockeye harvest total, and the Chinook count was also below minimum escapement.

After the last four years of disastrous returns of the salmon, the consequences endured by fisherman and communities of Chignik, and having had little action to protect the Chignik sockeye in well-known migratory pathways along the South Peninsula, I encourage you to take decisive action to return as many spawners to the Chignik river as possible to meet escapement. ACR 6 and 7 are beneficial to that end although I would encourage even more protective measures if they are available to implement, perhaps closing statistical areas that are more prone to catch eastbound sockeye in the South Peninsula.

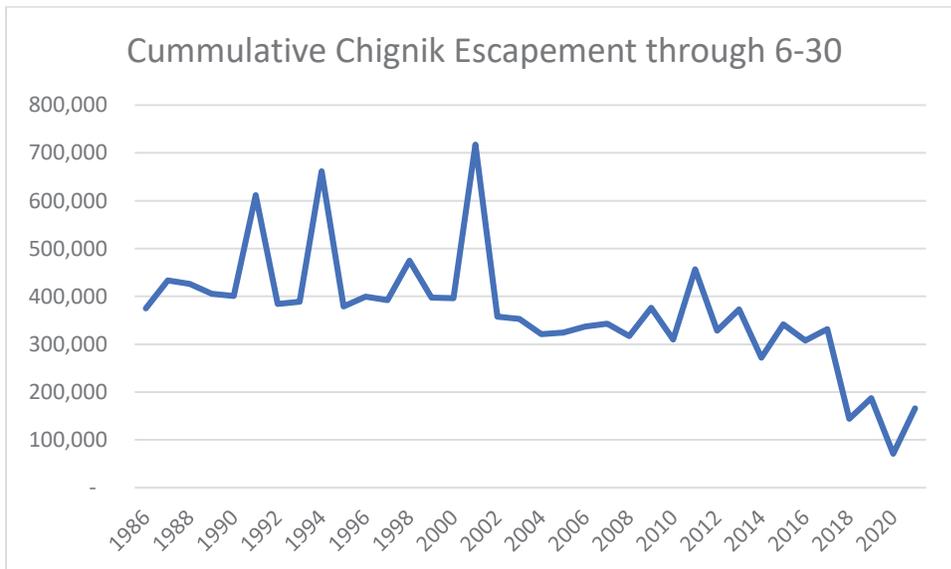
Between, the Black Lake run, the Chignik Lake run and the Chinook there are at least 3 age classes that are troubled in 2018 and 2000 and low in the other 2 years. These each return to different locations within the Chignik watershed. The likeliness of Black Lake (1.3 age class), Chignik Lake (2.3 age class), and Chignik River (chinook) all being affected in multiple years would favor ocean mortality over spawning habitat as the culprit. Over fishing is a contributor to ocean/nearshore mortality that can be addressed readily. Since the Chignik fishery is not contributing to the under-escapement issue, the conservation must reach farther to ensure the sustainable or biological escapement goals.



An understanding of the South Peninsula’s effectiveness at catching Chignik sockeye should be noted and can be observed in 2006, where 688,969 of the 1,850,000 total sockeye caught in the South Peninsula fishery were identified as Chignik River watershed stocks as per the WASSIP study. During 2006 the CMA sockeye harvest was just 902,709. How and where the salmon touch into the South Peninsula may vary from year to year but it is clear from genetic sampling that Chignik sockeye can be a large component of the South Peninsula harvest.

A composite of effects have devastated Chignik salmon, as well as the Chignik fishery and communities relying on it. However, if proactive measures aren’t swiftly implemented, please recognize the historical Chignik fishery and, that the people and way of life dependent on it are suffering greatly. If neighboring areas can continue to pursue cape fisheries on mixed stocks of sockeye, primarily bound for other areas, please adjust the Chignik Management Plan to allow a similar cape fishery. If necessary efforts aren’t made to protect the Chignik salmon for a sustainable fishery, then please create a cape fishery to sustain the people and communities of Chignik.

I include the graph below as it reflects the changes in first-run escapement. These changes masked some of the negative impacts from interception and do not appear to have helped salmon production either. The shift to managing for the low end of first run escapement (Black Lake) in 2002 and beyond (“The ADF&G first adopted this practice in 2002 to relieve grazing pressure on zooplankton in Chignik Lake to improve juvenile sockeye salmon production.” 2006 Chignik AMR, pg. 4) can readily be seen below.



I appreciate all your consideration and wisdom given to this matter. Thank you also for your time.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Alan Crookston](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ACR 10 , Cook Inlet  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:00:10 PM

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Dear BOF Members,

I have 15 fished commercially on the east side of Cook Inlet my entire life, I am 41 years old. My children are fourth generation setnetters.

For the past 10 years the ESSN has born the brunt of the King Salmon conservation efforts in this area, and the restrictions are not equal. Year after year we sit on the beach not allowed to fish, while all other fisheries can fish.

I urge you to support ACR 10.

When the King numbers are low we should not be entirely closed to fishing. When we fish close to shore we simply do not catch many kings - much lower than the drift catch ratio.

Fishing us close to shore would also provide you- the decision makers - with important and relevant data related to the king salmon issue in UCI. ACR 10 will allow us to prevent over-escapement, save our fishery, while protecting the king salmon.

Please vote for ACR 10, and thank you for considering this important matter. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions about this issue. My fish site is open to all of you any time to help you do you work more effectively.

Respectfully,

Alan Crookston  
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Sent from my iPhone

Submitted By  
Amanda Roberts  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 9:00:12 PM  
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PC059  
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My name is Amanda Roberts and I am a 3rd generation Upper Cook Inlet fisherman. I am raising my children as 4th generation Eastside setnetters. My whole life I have watched my grandfather, father, and brothers fight for a fishery that is losing so much year after year. With all the king closures, I am afraid there will not be a fishery for my children and grandchildren.

Our fishery is fully allocated. The allocation to the Eastside setnetters commercial fishery has been reallocated to other user groups, resulting in forgone harvest and extreme economic loss to the fisherman, local coastal communities, and the state of Alaska. I support ACR 10 because it gives Eastside setnetters a small percentage of their allocation of sockeye during times of low king abundance. We can't be the ONLY user group to sit on the beach every summer. I look forward to working with Alaska Board of Fish members to find the solution on how we can keep our 100-year-old fishery alive.



**From:** [Ralph Masterson](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 5:33:46 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a set net fisherman most of my adult life. The last decade has seen multiple years of runs of high sockeye abundance and low king abundance. In these years, we are told to sit and watch while the Kenai River is grossly over escaped, reducing future returns for all user groups. It has been statistically shown that nets within 600' of mean high tide catch an insignificant number of king salmon. Please vote in favor of ACR 10, which would allow allow fishermen to participate, to some extent, in the fishery, in years of high sockeye abundance.

Thanks for your time,

Andrew Milauskas



**From:** [Angel Haines](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR #10  
**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021 3:40:55 PM

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I'd like to submit my support for ACR #10 for statistical area 244-42

Submitted By  
Angela Cramer  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 5:49:48 PM  
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PC062  
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Hello Alaska Board of Fish Members,

I am in support of ACR 10. I have been a setnetter in Cook Inlet on North K-Beach for 11 years. It is time that we look for solutions on how to manage the surplus sockeye in the Kasilof and Kenai Rivers while minimizing our chinook harvest. ACR 10 is a perfect tool for ADF&G to have in their toolbox to help manage this complex mixed stock fishery.

Please support ACR 10 so that we can have a full discussion about options in March.

Thank you for your time,

Angela Cramer



**From:** [Anne Gatling](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 5:50:57 PM

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Dear Board of Fish Members,

I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing on years where there is low king abundance. As it's been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the over abundance of sockeye.

This would help to alleviate the over abundance of sockeyes that keeps occurring year after year in the Kenai River. Resources stretched thin in the Kenai River by the large numbers of sockeyes year after year could lead to a weakened stock.

I appreciate any consideration you could give for a positive vote for ACR 10.

Sincerely,

Anne Pfitzner Gatling



**From:** [Bel Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:21:42 PM

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Dear Board Members,

Over the last few years, we have watched our season be closed due to low king abundance. I am in support of ACR 10. Please consider this ACR to help protect Alaska's fisheries and Alaskan Fishermen.

Thanks,

Belen Ramirez



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## Support of ACR 10

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Members,

We support ACR 10 submitted by Travis Every.

We have fished our Upper Cook Inlet setnets for the past 35 years. As owners of the number one and number two shore fishery leases issued by the Department of Natural Resources in Cook Inlet, and a legacy setnet site, we are in full support of offering limited opportunity to fish within 600 feet of the mean high tide in the Eastside Setnet fishery when the commercial and sport fishery are in paired restrictions and restricted in the Late-run Kenai River King Salmon plan.

Our family has sat for many years on the beach for the conservation of King salmon. In 2012, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 our fishery was shut down in the heart of our season with no opportunity to harvest plentiful sockeye. Each of those years the sockeye goals in the Kenai and Kasilof rivers were either met or exceeded.

The BEG for the Kasilof River has been exceeded 9 of the last 10 years. In the last 3 years, the Kenai River in-river goal has been exceeded by 500,000 to 1.2 million sockeye.

With the increased sockeye goals, the new large king goals and paired restrictions, the Eastside setnets will rarely fish throughout the season in **any** year. The board could not have known these impacts when the regulations were adopted.

The lost opportunity to harvest sockeye each year is an economic disaster, and cannot be overstated, for our families, coastal communities, support infrastructure and processors.

At a time when the Governor has stated that we need to squeeze every dollar that we can out of the economy, it seems contrary when \$60 to \$80 million of economic stimulus was left on the table because of foregone harvest.

In recent years, the concept of the 600 ft fishery was adopted by the board of fisheries and was used on limited beaches with positive data that shows king savings while harvesting sockeye when it was used.

In 2020, in an effort to include **all** Upper Subdistrict beaches with some harvest opportunity, the new 600 ft fishery was adopted into regulation but was not utilized by the Department.

For the first time, in the summer of 2021 the 600 ft fishery for all beaches was used on July 20th. The harvest results on that day were encouraging with the preliminary data showing a biologically insignificant king harvest compared to a significant sockeye harvest of 36,668 sockeye **The board could not have known the king to sockeye harvest of the 600 ft fishery when the regulation was adopted as this was the first time the limited fishery was utilized and new data was collected.**

In 2021 the drift fishery fished almost every day into August in an effort to stop the flow of Sockeye into the Kenai and Kasilof rivers. From July 20th to August 24th **2,117,806** sockeye salmon passed the counters in the Kenai River. Sockeye were still escaping over 12,000 fish a day when the counters were removed. They could not stop the flood of fish into the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.

We are asking this board to **re-visit the paired complete closure of the Eastside Setnet fishery in upper cook inlet when large king salmon are projected to be below the goal. The board could not have known the impacts of the regulation without the data that was collected in the summer of 2021. The harvest of King salmon was minimal while the sockeye harvest was 36,000 fish.**

This option is an amazing compromise to protect king salmon and still allow some harvest of the excess harvestable stocks of sockeye. Eastside setnetters are doing their part towards protecting king salmon, but we need the opportunity to harvest sockeye if our small businesses and historic family way of life is going to survive.

Please support ACR 10 and move it to the full board meeting in March for full discussion by all stakeholders. The continued historic eastside setnet fishery and traditional family lifestyle are worth the conversation.





**From:** [BRIAN SCOW](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:28:57 PM

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My name is Brian Scow and I fully support ACR 10! I fish i. The Lower Salamatof Beach

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Chris Every](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR-10  
**Date:** Sunday, October 3, 2021 12:54:31 PM

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## Alaska Board Of Fish Members

**I support ACR-10**, that will be in front of you during October 20th and 21st, at the 2021 work session.

I setnet in the North K-Beach stat area 244-32.

I hope we can work together and support ACR-10.

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### **ACR-10**

Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, I am writing this in response to staff comments provided on ACR 10.

Does the agenda change request address an effect of a regulation on a fishery that was unforeseen when that regulation was adopted? Yes, I believe that it does.

The data from the use of the 600' fishery over the last four years has prove that it is a very effective tool.

1. To allow the passage for King Salmon to the river during times of low abundance
2. To harvest sockeye
3. Genetic studies, have also produced data (that was not available) to support the use of the 600' fishery.
4. The economic loss to the community is in the millions by allowing this volume of sockeye to the spawning grounds, which will also diminish returns in the future, causing future economic loss. These losses are hard to determine, but we all have to agree losses have occurred in the past, present and future.
5. The current regulations hinder the departments management of the five salmon species effectively. (This has been said by the department people).

So this 600' fishery is a fantastic tool that should be embraced.

Chris Every



**From:** [Chris McConnell](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Set Netters - Kenai  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:40:02 PM

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Dear Board of Fish Members,

I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. The great tradition of fishing along the Kenai beaches benefits the state in terms of the economy and richness of our state's fishing culture. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing on years where there is low king abundance. As it's been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the over abundance of sockeye.

Sincerely,  
Chris McConnell  
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Anchorage, AK 99517



Submitted By

Christian Marinos

Submitted On

10/6/2021 9:37:50 PM

Affiliation

Employee of Scow fishing (setnetting) on lower Salamatof beach

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I want to offer my full support of ACR 10 as a solution to better regulate the Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon population, and to help setnetters in the upper subdistrict of the Central District stay in business. My family has fished on the lower Salamatof Beach for over a decade. However, we will not be able to continue running our business if the current regulations remain in place, and we continue to be shut down being left with little to negative financial gains. Please consider this necessary change for businesses and salmon regulations alike!

Thank you,

Christian Marinos



**From:** [Dane Markham](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:41:54 AM

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Dear Board Members,

Over the last few years, we have watched our season be closed due to low king abundance. I am in support of ACR 10. Please consider this ACR to help protect Alaska's fisheries and Alaskan Fishermen.

Thanks,

Dane Markham  
permit # 273387



DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: Alaska Board of Fish  
FAX#907-46--6094

FROM: Daniel Wichers *-North K-Beach*

RE: ARC 10 approval

Hello,

I am a permit holder and have been fishing on my family's setnet sites for over twenty years with the exception of joining the military for six years. I wanted to let you know that I am in support of ARC 10. This will allow east side setnetters a chance for some opportunity to harvest excess red salmon on low king salmon runs.

Thank you for your consideration in passing ARC 10.

Sincerely,

*Daniel Wichers*

Daniel Wichers



**From:** [NorggroN](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:06:40 PM

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Hello,

This is David Rorrison, a setnetter in the upper subdistrict and I would like to voice my support for ACR 10. A Lot of hard work has gone into it and I think it is a good idea.



DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: Alaska Board of Fish  
FAX#907-46--6094

FROM: David Wichers - North K-Branch  
PO Box 1728  
Kenai, AK 99611

RE: ARC 10 approval

Hello,

I am reaching out to you to let you know that I am in full support of ACR 10. I have been an eastside set netter for 35 years, and have seen many changes in our fishery. We felt the effects last summer on our fishery and believe that ACR 10 is a good step in helping to correct an unforeseen consequence.

Thank you,  
*David Wichers*  
David Wichers

Submitted By  
Devin Every  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 10:52:00 PM  
Affiliation



PC075  
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Hello, my name is Devin Every. I am a 4th generation commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet. I fully support ACR 10. I have watched my great-grandfather, grandfather and now my father fight to keep our fishery viable. It is time to look at all solutions and approaches to harvest sockeye surpluses while being conservative with harvest on Kenai River chinook salmon. The 600ft tool is an excellent way to stop the over escapement we have seen in the past several years in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers.

Please take an honest look at ACR 10, many families rely on your decisions. Thank you for your time.

Devin Every



**From:** [Elizabeth Marinos](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In support of ACR10  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:12:18 PM

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I want to add my full support to enact ACR10 as proposed to allow for a limited 600ft fishery when we are not projecting to meet the King OEG. My family fishes on the lower Salamatof beach. This is a very necessary change that needs to be made both to allow setnetters along this beach to maintain our livelihood, as well as to maintain proper escapement goals and a balanced ecosystem for sockeye salmon. I urge you to vote for this proposal to be enacted. As businesses we will not survive if we continue to be shut down year after year.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Elizabeth Marinos

Submitted By  
Eric Nyce  
Submitted On  
10/4/2021 9:03:57 PM  
Affiliation



PC077  
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Dear Board of Fish Members,

I am a commercial fisherman on Salamantof Beach. I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing on years where there is low king abundance. As its been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the over abundance of sockeye.

Sincerely,  
Eric Nyce

Submitted By  
Faith Iy  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 8:28:00 PM  
Affiliation



PC078  
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I am writing today to support ACR 10. I have been an Eastside setnetter through my teenage years and into adulthood. King salmon in Alaska are definitely in times of low abundance. The Kenai River king salmon is no exception. It is time for all of us to come together to find additional tools to harvest surplus sockeye while minimizing chinook harvest. The data from the 600ft fishery has proven to be a very effective way to do just that.

I appreciate your time and effort to try to find a solution to a complex matter.

Thank you

Submitted By  
Gary L Hollier  
Submitted On  
10/5/2021 4:58:01 PM  
Affiliation  
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PC079  
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Members of Alaska Board of Fish,

I am writing in support of ACR 10.

Staff comments on ACR 10 stated there was NO conservation purpose or reason to support this ACR.

Exceeding in-river goals in the Kenai River by double the top end of the in-river goal and going over the top end BEG of the Kasilof River ,340,000, by almost 200,000 certainly appears like a conservation issue to me.

I thought at the 2020 meeting of the BOF when the Kasilof goals were lowered, that ADF&G stated that 500,000 to the Kasilof might not replace its self.

In the Kenai River they don't know what that number is where the number of spawners bring back less than a 1:1 return. Seems ridiculous to try to find that number.

Staff when it first wanted to go to a Big King goal, i thought the minimum number was 11,500.

That number was turned into 13,500 SEG and 15,000 OEG. Why does the commercial fishery have to put 15,000 in the Kenai River after AUGust 1, when the river is shut down to sport harvest?

Lets not forget about the closure to the Drift fishery in the EEZ. Another unforeseen regulation.

Please pass ACR 10, and then have a frank discussion in March.

Thank you

Gary L Hollier

Kenai Ak.

Submitted By  
Gavin  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 4:19:02 PM  
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My name is Gavin Hudkins and I am 4th generation commercial fisherman on Salamatof Beach. I am 18 years old and have spent every summer of my life fishing the same plot of land where my Grandfather settle in the mid 1920's. I am also a UCI permit holder.

I am writing today in support of ACR 10 and ask that you please take into consideration what this ACR states. This ACR does fit the criteria as we have new information in a 600 foot fishery that was put into the plan in 2020 and used in 2021. While we only have one day of data, the 600 foot fishery was very effective in harvesting sockeye and conserving king salmon, 39,000 sockeye to 11 kings.

I am asking the Board to please re address the impacts of full closure, giving ADF&G the tool in the tool box to use the 600 foot fishery in all of UCI when kings are in low abundance. The impacts on our fishery with a full closure has been detrimental to not only our fishing families, but the Kenai River as well.

Thank you for your time.

Gavin Hudkins

Submitted By  
George Nyce  
Submitted On  
10/5/2021 4:13:54 PM  
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Having fished on the Salamatof beach for 41 years we have seen our fishing time drop over the years, my hope is that you would consider the ACR10 proposal to allow fishing time during times of sockeye abundance. Thank you

Submitted By  
Greg Johnson  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 3:51:49 PM

Affiliation  
Upper Subdistrict setnetter /CI



PC082  
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In Regards to ACR 10 . I believe additional tools or approaches are necessary to both utilize potential sockeye surpluses in both Kenai and Kasilof rivers while maintaining a precautionary approach during low abundance in king salmon returns. If passed and moved to statewide meeting ACR 10 will serve as good platform to further the discussion on how to utilize surplus sockeye during low king salmon abundance . The concepts laid out in this ACR are precautionary and deserve a full discussion . Should this ACR be passed I look forward to participateing in the discussion this spring. Thank you Greg Johnson



**From:** [jake.markham](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:19:46 PM

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Dear Board Members,

Over the last few years, we have watched our season be closed due to low king abundance. I am in support of ACR 10. Please consider this ACR to help protect Alaska's fisheries and Alaskan Fishermen.

Thanks,

Jake Markham



**From:** [Jan Kornstad](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10  
**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 5:37:25 PM

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Please add ACR 10 to your October meeting agenda. If we have to wait for the next Board cycle for this issue to be addressed it is doubtful that those of us who fish on Upper Salamatof Beach will be able to survive the economic consequences of these drastic restrictions and closures.  
Vern and Jan Kornstad

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jessica Nyce](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:54:09 PM

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Dear Board of Fish Members,

As a lifelong setnetter, I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing for sockeye on years where there is low king abundance. As it's been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the overabundance of sockeye.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Nyce



**From:** [Jessie Banas](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Setnetting on Cook Inlet  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:30:17 AM

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Dear Board of Fish Members,

I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing on years where there is low king abundance. As it's been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the over abundance of sockeye.

As a constituent who grew up in Kenai and return to visit family monthly, I believe commercial fishing plays a vital role in maintaining robust Kenai Peninsula communities. I hope you vote to support commercial fishing.

Sincerely,

Jessie Banas  
907.399.3027  
Sent from my iPhone



DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: Alaska Board of Fish  
FAX#907-46--6094

FROM: JoAnn Wichers —North K-Branch  
PO Box 1728  
Kenai, AK 99611

RE: ARC 10 approval

Hello,

I am reaching out to you to let you know that I am in full support of ACR 10. My family and I have been setnet fishing in Cook Inlet for over 30 years and been greatly affected by all of the changes to our fishery over the years. We are in support of ACR 10 because we feel that it adds another tool that our fish and game department can use to help harvest surplus red salmon when the king salmon run has low returns. It will allow some opportunity for Cook Inlet setnetters.

Thank you,  
*JoAnn Wichers*  
JoAnn Wichers



Submitted By  
Ken Coleman  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 2:32:25 PM  
Affiliation  
Eastside Setnetter

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My name is Ken Coleman a life long Alaskan and a resident of Kenai. I'm also a 50 year Eastside Setnetter who fishes on Upper Kalifonsky Beach, statistical area 244-32.

I'm writing in support of ACR 10. As I'm sure the Board knows, the Late Run King Salmon escapement was sub par this last season and has been for the last few seasons. The result of low escapement and changes to the KRLRKSMMP during the last Board cycle resulted in early complete closure to the ESSN for the fourth year running. Such closures cause severe financial damage to the fishers who rely on sockeye catch. Indeed we, as a fishery, have petitioned the State to declare economic disasters for 2018,2020 and likely 2021.

The Department staff have commented that there is no conservation, purpose or reason to support and ACR. I believe a conservation and purpose exists. For many consecutive years the sockeye escapement goal has been exceeded on both of the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. 2021 escapement into the Kasilof was exceeded by 60% ove the BEG and the Kenai River was exceeded by over 100%! Of course the monetary damage is in the 10's of millions over the last 4 years.

What are the in-river consequences of continuing over escapement? Can the Department qualify/quantify their non support? Seems that by managing the weak stock(king salmon) in the manner we do we're in the process of weakening the sockeye stock due to over escapement, indeed the return per spawned continues to trend down.

ACR 10 offers a template to find a way to harvest sockeyes in a low King Salmon situation. ESSN fishers over the years have been innovative in our quest to continue harvesting sockeye while minimizing king incidental catch. Please pass ACR 10 and let's have a serious discussion about how we can accomplish both continued harvest of sockeyes and protection of King Salmon.....reasonable people can find reasonable solution. The issue at hand cannot wait until the 2024 Cook Inlet meeting!

Respectfully Submitted, Ken Coleman



**From:** [Levi Boyd Johnson](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:37:52 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Levi Johnson and I manage the fish site located just south of Ted Crookston. This fish site has been in my family for 60 years, my grandfather Boyd Campbell took ownership from Ken Carlsen over 20 years ago and all of his grandsons have had the opportunity to manage it. I am the youngest grandson, and would hate to see it close its doors under my management. This being said, if something does not change soon I will not be able to continue managing the site.

This site has provided me the income needed to put myself through school in pursuit of an engineering degree. I owe everything I have to the Kenai River ecosystem, and hate to see it abused in the way that it has been over the last 10 years in name of large Kenai River Kings. Witnessing the over-escapement that has been allowed to happen has been painful.

For these reasons, I would like to state my support for ACR 10, and ask you for yours. We are asking to work with you to better conserve the Kenai River ecosystem, to keep it producing for generations to come. Please allow us to do this.

Best regards,  
Levi Johnson

Submitted By  
Mary Anderson  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 12:52:53 PM  
Affiliation



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Dear Alaska Board of Fish Members,

I have been a setnetter in Cook Inlet for over 25 years. I fully support ACR 10.

Over the past several years Eastside setnetters have shouldered the majority of the burden when it comes to king conservation. We have sat on the beach for king conservation in 2012, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 while the sockeye goals in the Kasilof and Kenai River have been met or exceeded each of these years.

The Kasilof River BEG for sockeye of 140,000-320,000 has been exceeded 9 out of the last 10 years. In the last 3 years the Kenai River In-River Goal has been exceeded by 500,000- 1.2 million sockeye. The loss of harvestable surplus year after year is devastating the Eastside Setnet fishery. There are no alternative harvestable stocks available to the users in this area.

The 600ft tool is not new to our fishery. It was created in 2017 for the Kasilof and North K-Beach sections to harvest Kasilof bound sockeye while minimizing the harvest of Kenai River Late Run Chinook. This tool has been very successful with its limited use over the past 4 years.

At the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet BOF meeting a NEW 600ft fishery was established (In Kenai River Late Run King Plan) that included the entire Upper Subdistrict. During the 2021 season, this NEW 600ft fishery was used for the first and only time on 7/20/21 and provided new data. The new data from the 600ft fishery indicates de minimis Late Run Kenai Chinook harvest (36,668 sockeye and 11 large late run chinook).

This does meet the ACR criteria to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen. Along with the new information about the EEZ as stated in ACR 10. When the NEW 600ft fishery was created at the 2020 UCI BOF meeting, there was no data of the harvest potential of the entire Upper Subdistrict limited to 600 feet available to Board Members to assist them in making decisions and trade-offs regarding the complicated management of mixed-stock fisheries and the competing goals of the Kenai and Kasilof River Systems.

We are asking the Board of Fish to re-address the unforeseen impacts of the complete closure of the Eastside Setnet fishery by giving ADF&G the tool of the 600ft fishery. This tool will reduce both the negative economic impacts while conserving chinook salmon.

Thank you for your time,

Mary Anderson



**From:** [Live](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:36:29 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support of ACR 10. I am watching my families livelihood be taken away because under the current management plan there are practically NO options for setnetters during periods of low king abundance. Setnetters and managers deserve options and this can give them some. Please help.

Warm regards,  
Michael Crookston



**From:** [Michael Gatling](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4:01:59 PM

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Dear Board of Fish Members,

I would like you to consider voting in favor of ACR 10 at your upcoming meeting. This proposal represents an equitable way for some continued fishing on years where there is low king abundance. As it's been demonstrated, there is a statistically insignificant number of kings harvested in the 600' fishery. This seems like a fair way for some fisherman across all beaches to continue to harvest the over abundance of sockeye.

Sincerely,

Michael Gatling  
ESSN Fisherman for over 30 years



**From:** [Michele Markham](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:18:14 AM

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Dear Board Members,

Over the last few years, we have watched our season be closed due to low king abundance. I am in support of ACR 10. Please consider this ACR to help protect Alaska's fisheries and Alaskan Fishermen.

Thanks,

Michele Markham  
Permit # 223791



**From:** [Mike Markham](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** support for ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:16:56 AM

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Dear Board Members,

Over the last few years, we have watched our season be closed due to low king abundance. I am in support of ACR 10. Please consider this ACR to help protect Alaska's fisheries and Alaskan Fishermen.

Thanks,

*Mike Markham*

Permit # 370514

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**From:** [BRIAN SCOW](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:32:32 PM

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My Name is Nancy Scow, I fish Salamatof Beach. I totally support ACR

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Paul Crookston](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support ACR 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:56:53 PM

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I am life long set-netter writing to urge your support of ACR 10. My family has fished on lower Salamatof Beach for over 50 years.

Paul J. Crookston  
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Submitted By  
Reid Kornstad  
Submitted On  
10/6/2021 9:33:35 PM  
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PC097  
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I would like to comment regarding ACR 10:

**Modify commercial salmon set gillnet fishery in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.359).**

While I am not generally in favor of yet another restrictive measure to Eastside Setnetters, I would like to support ACR 10 given the predicament we find ourselves in with low king numbers and large over abundance of sockeye.

Eastside setnetters, objectively cannot be a factor in the declining king numbers for 3 reasons: 1) The fishing pressure from ESSN has only ever been restricted over the last several decades. (2) ESSN fishing methods have not changed. (3) The number of ESSN has not increased in decades.

It would be very hard to understand why the ESSN fishery would need to continue to experience any further mandated complete closures in times of sockeye abundance when: 1) it has not contributed to the decline in kings, (2) it harvests a very small portion of the king run even on a full compliment of gear, and (3) the Department already has a near shore fishery measure it can, and has used to reduce even further the already small number of kings harvested in the ESSN.

I am a 3rd generation ESSN of almost 50 years and I can speak directly to the king catch on our site on Salamotof Beach. On a full compliment of twelve 35-fathom, 45-mesh gear, we catch between 1-3 kings each opener on average, **nearly all of which are caught more than 600' from mean high water.** From my perspective, on our beach, ACR 10 is a viable tool to use for the specific situation we find our selves in in Upper Cook Inlet of late with concurrent weak king runs and strong sockeye runs.

For kings, the problem is likely complex, and WHERE it is occurring seems to be a mystery, but it simply cannot be occurring in the Eastside setnets. The ESSN fishery has only ever reduced its effort in a non-targeted fishery while large kings are specifically targeted in their spawning beds by hundreds of anglers daily. The ESSN fishery largely does not even occur in waters where kings primarily run. Simply put, most kings are running outside and/or underneath the set nets (even with a full compliment of gear). There is no data that supports that the ESSN fishery has contributed to the decline of kings, but there is plenty of data to support that ESSN fishery can be used by the Department to help effectively manage an overabundance of sockeye while at the same time conserving kings. Please consider ACR 10 for this reason. Thank you for the time you all put into these work sessions. It is significant.

Submitted By  
Roberta Nyce  
Submitted On  
10/5/2021 4:08:24 PM  
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Dear BOF, I am asking you to please support ACR 10. Our family has been setnet fishing on Salamatoff Beach for 41 years and the fishery has declined to such an extent that I'm not sure it will ever recover. Processing plants have dwindled, employing crew when they make so little money is a challenge, financially gearing up for five days of fishing is just so difficult! ACR 10 would significantly help with planning, crew, supplies, and food. It's all just so depressing and we really need your help!



**From:** [Romayne Hindman](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOF Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ACR 10 support  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:24:37 PM

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As a long time set netter in Cook Inlet, I would like to give my support and ask that the board of fish do the same to ACR 10. I see this as a way in times of low King salmon returns to slow the escapement of Sockeye salmon into the river system and try to manage both stocks for the future.

Respectfully

Romayne Hindman

Cook Inlet Set Netter

Central District, East Forlands Section

Submitted By  
Sarah Frostad-Hudkins  
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10/6/2021 5:02:58 PM  
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My name is Sarah Frostad-Hudkins and I am writing today to support ACR 10. I am a 3rd Generation fisherman following in my Grandfather and my Father's footsteps. Alongside with my husband, our children and our grandchildren, we are continuing our families legacy.

We fully support ACR 10 as it states and believe that it fits the criteria as we have new information, it will correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen and we have new information with the EEZ.

- Utilizing the 600 foot fishery would allow fishermen to harvest excess sockeye, all while conserving king harvest.
- When the 600ft fishery is used, most nets are dry and on the beach at some point during an opener as our tidal range in Cook Inlet is the second largest in the world. While this makes our harvest time less, when we are in the water, we are very effective.
- On July 20th, for the first time all ESSN (including Salamatof Beach) were given the opportunity to harvest excess sockeye salmon all while reducing our king harvest using the 600 foot fishery. It proved to be a very good day for both. Over 36,000 sockeye were harvested to 11 kings.
- The amount of sockeye entering the Kenai River in August has increased since 2003.
- On July 31st, 2021, 77,985 entered the river.
- In August the dipnetters have completed their season and many drifters have packed it away for the winter as well.
- On August 24th, the number of sockeye past the counter was 2,441,825. This is 1,241,825 ABOVE the upper end of the sockeye goal.
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It is imperative for the commercial fishermen to have the opportunity to harvest excess sockeye salmon all while conserving the king salmon and ACR 10 would give the Department the ability to do just that.

Thank you for your time and your effort in the States Fisheries.

Sarah and Jason Hudkins