

Chairman Wood and Board of Fish Members:**Re: Proposal 43**

This proposal references a Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage 2000, chaired by Dan Coffey. I was at that meeting and have a very different recollection of the discussion and outcome. This morning I checked with another retired PNP general manager who was there as well. Our recollections line up as follows.

No agreement was signed or otherwise agreed upon to cut pink and/or chum production by 25% or any other amount. Sure, some people wanted that outcome, but that is not reality. Repeating something that is incorrect over and over is a strategy, not a fact-based reality.

During the following several years 2000-2003, the private non-profit office director worked with the PNPs to take egg numbers off the books if they were not being used in production. For example, Hidden Falls Hatchery took 24 million chum eggs annually for transfer to the Medvejie Hatchery as eyed-eggs. The 24 million eggs were also on the Medvejie permit, in a sense double counted and inflating the number of eggs by 24 million eggs on the books. This was cleaned up. There are other examples of record.

Finally, at some point, there was a meeting with the governor, but there was no directive to reduce production and, therefore, no agreement.

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