

Alaska Board of Fish,

Thank you very much for your time, effort and dedication!

My name is Kurt Whitehead. My wife and I are real, snow shoveling, year round Alaskans who live and work in Klawock, AK on Prince of Wales Island.

My wife, Trina and I operate a very small charter fishing/black bear hunting operation in Klawock.

I am the secretary for the Klawock AC, the Craig AC and the East PoW AC.

I was present at the last SE AK Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage when we voted to change the king salmon management for the SE AK charter fleet and troll fleet.

I was in the room during the discussions every day and never once did any of us in the room or at the meeting misinterpret the intent of the management changes to the charter fleet.

All of those in attendance knew the charter fleet did not want in season management b/c of the severe negative impact to our businesses.

The troll fleet, the charter fleet, the board and all of ADFG knew and discussed on record that the new management that was approved would allow the charter fleet to be managed on a multi year rolling average so we do not suffer in season management.

At the Craig AC Nov. 6, 2023 meeting, one of the troll fleet's esteemed members who was in attendance and in the room for the above mentioned deliberations also said that everyone knew the intent of what was being deliberated. Patrick Fowler and Doug Vincent Lang even discussed it on record with the board before voting.

Please refer to the Craig AC meeting minutes and the audio file of the board of game during that day for more clarification.

I urge you to please delay voting on these props until next winter at the proper venue, time and place during the SE AK board of fish scheduled meeting in Ketchikan.

If you do vote on these props, please vote NO on prop 258 & 259 and vote YES on prop 257.

Thank you very much!

Kurt Whitehead