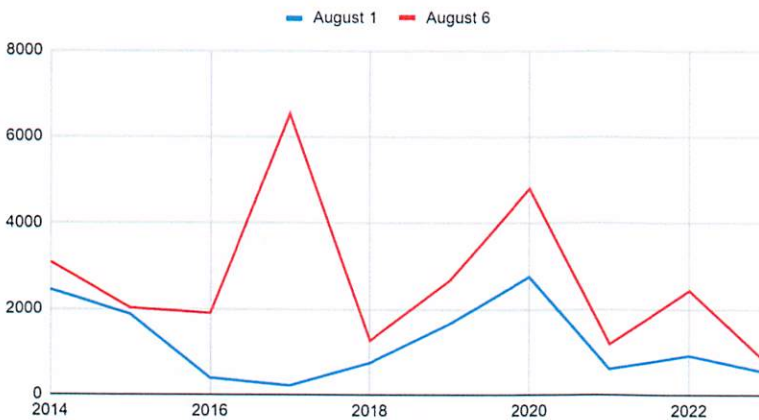


## Public Testimony, Paul Warta

I submitted proposals 230, 232, and 237, but will be speaking broadly to Coho Salmon conservation concerns, opposing proposals 121, 126, and 127, supporting proposals 210, 212, 213, and 214.

- The early coho runs are in severe decline across Mat-Su
- The early portion of the season sees the most pressure from sport and all the pressure from personal use (P.U. fisheries currently close July 31)
- Upper Cook Inlet Coho should be primarily managed for use by the Mat-Su area
- UCI commercial Coho salmon harvest 10-year average is 185,532 fish, with 102,640 being caught in 2022 at a low price (\$0.65/lb for 2022)
- August 6th is the first day of bait on little Susitna, causing significant Sport effort.

Deshka River Coho Escapement by Year and Date



Little Susitna Coho Escapement by Year and Date

