

Subject: Kenai River Late Run Action Plan DRAFT RC

To the Alaska Board of Fish,

The Kenai-Soldotna Advisory Committee would like to bring to your attention the issue of the Kenai River Late- Run King Salmon Action plan #2311. While we appreciate the thought of returning healthy runs of all fish to the Cook Inlet we have concerns where in your desire to “fix” the problem you may overlook the public process. Our concern is the agenda has the action plan coming up first and deliberated before relevant public proposals which have gone thru the proper process. We’re not sure what status quo means in the action plan worksheet ? Is this before or after you deliberate on all the proposals before you. We certainly have concerns about the health of our fish and our fisheries in upper Cook Inlet. We are not sure how you can restrict our fisheries beyond closed. Interesting to note there is no place in the action plan to address Kodiak/ Area M and various trawl fisheries which in the time of conservation, when we need every fish, we certainly believe they have a significant impact to the salmon runs of upper Cook Inlet. I will be at the meeting and look forward to further discussions on these issues which effect the conservation of our salmon runs to the Upper Cook Inlet but also our livelihoods and our way of life as Alaskans

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