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Subject: Rotenone use authorizations under AS 16.35.200

Dear Mr. Payton,

The Board of Fisheries (board) received your request at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting in Anchorage asking for consent to use rotenone to eradicate invasive northern pike from Knik Lake, Memory Lake, Lalen Lake, Visnaw Lake, Prator Lake, Baptist Pond, and Alexander Creeks sloughs as per Alaska Statute 16.35.200. The board supports rotenone use in these projects and voted to allow the department to proceed with these rotenone treatments.

In addition, at the meeting, the department asked for an extension of a pre-authorization granted in February 2020 to use rotenone for rapid response to invasive predatory fish introductions per Alaska Statute 16.35.200. The initial preauthorization was granted through December 2024. The board voted to support an extension for another three years (through December 2027).

Please contact Art Nelson, the board's Executive Director (907-267-2292) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Wood
Chair, Alaska Board of Fisheries

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