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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

FINDINGS AND CLARIFICATION OF INTENT REGARDING ADOPTION OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL 239

- 1. On December 11, 2012, at the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) meeting on proposals for regulatory changes to Bristol Bay finfish regulations, the board considered and adopted substitute language for board-generated proposal No. 239, which proposed to amend 5 AAC 67.022(g)(6) (*Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area*) to restrict sport fishing in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, to one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure at certain times. The board adopts these findings to clarify an ambiguity in the record regarding its intent in its action resulting from passage of two motions to amend the proposal containing two versions of substitute language (found in RC 102 and RC 103).
- 2. The board intended that the regulatory change embodied in RC 103 would be additive to, and a modification of, the regulatory change embodied in RC 102. Thus, the board intended the following changes to 5 AAC 67.022(g):

5 AAC 67.022(g)(6). Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

(1) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish, of which only one fish may be 28 inches or greater in length; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is four fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length (jack salmon) is five fish; **after taking and retaining a bag limit of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish with bait for the remainder of the day in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage;**

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(6) only one single hook artificial lure or one single hook may be used, except as provided in (4) of this section.

Approved: January 20, 2013 Vote: ____1 abstention (Jensen) Anchorage, Alaska

Karl Johnstone, Chairman Alaska Board of Fisheries