

Whereas, the Bristol Bay projected harvest for 2014 was 16.86 million sockeye, and the South Alaska peninsula projected harvest was 1.06 million sockeye,

Whereas, the actual Bristol Bay harvest in 2014 was 29.1 million sockeye, and the actual South Alaska peninsula harvest was 1.4 million sockeye,

Whereas, the actual Bristol Bay harvest was 73% larger than projected, and the actual South Alaska peninsula harvest was 32% larger than projected in 2014,

Whereas the Bristol Bay met or exceeded escapement in all their systems in 2014,

Whereas, the 2015 Bristol Bay projected harvest was 40.52 million sockeye, and the South Alaska Peninsula projected harvest was 1.774 million sockeye,

Whereas, the actual 2015 harvest for Bristol Bay was 35.67 million sockeye, and the actual South Alaska Peninsula was 3.2 million,

Whereas, the 2015 sockeye run was 14 % above the preseason forecast of 52 million fish,

Whereas the 2015 Bristol Bay harvest was 53 % higher than the recent 20 year average for all districts,

Whereas, the 2015 sockeye escapements were met or exceeded in all Bristol Bay systems,

Whereas, the 2015 harvest were limited by processing capacity in every fishery from Bristol Bay to Port Moller to the South Alaska Peninsula to Chignik, at some point during the 2015 season,

Whereas, the South Alaska Peninsula fishery has historical basis,

Whereas, the South Alaska Peninsula fishery is not a growing fishery,

Whereas, the latency rate of S01M permits in 2001 was 47.1% with 64 out of 121 permits fishing,

Whereas, the latency rate of S01M permits as of 2014 was 58.8% with 49 out of 121 permits fished,

Whereas, the latency rate of S04M permits in 2001 was 13.3% with 98 out of 113 permits total,

Whereas, the latency rate of S04M permits as of 2014 was 23.9% with 86 out of 113 permits fished,

Whereas, the 2014 projected harvest in Chignik was 916,000 fish,

Whereas, the 2014 actual harvest of sockeye in Chignik was 617,251,

Whereas, the 2014 SEGs were met, not indicating a stock of concern in Chignik,

Whereas, the 2015 projected harvest of sockeye in Chignik was 1.588 million,

Whereas, the actual 2015 Chignik harvest was 1.477 million sockeye,

Whereas, the 2015 SEGs in Chignik were met not indicating a stock of concern,

Whereas, the South Alaska Peninsula fishery is in line with the Sustainable Fisheries policy and the Mixed Stock Policy,

Whereas, the Alaska State Constitution Article 8, Section 3. Common Use, states that "Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use."

Whereas, the WASSIP study shows a high level of fluctuation in Stock Composition and a low harvest rate in the Dolgoi section,

Whereas, the WASSIP disclaimer states that caution should be exercised when extrapolating results,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Board of Fish oppose Proposal 186, which seeks to alter the management plan of the "Dolgoi Section" of the South Alaska Peninsula, as written, unless a mutually agreed upon compromise can be reached between Area M and Area L stakeholders.

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