

RC 121

Board of Fisheries / Cook Inlet meeting
Chair John Jensen
Re: Proposal 126
Formal Complaint on "actions" taken over Proposal 126

Date: 3/5/2017

Board of Fisheries members / Chair John Jensen,

Proposal 126 was brought to the record by proposal name only and without Department discussion to address the proposal at that time. A circumvented public proposal process that affected the proposal.

Instead, Board member Sue Jeffrey immediately recommended No Action on Proposal 126 based on Proposal 125. Proposal 125 was only on mesh size in the Pink Salmon Management Plan. Proposal 126 a two part issues proposal (mesh size to 5 inch) and the major component was seeking relief for reasonable opportunity harvest hours per week for set and Drift gillnets within the Pink Plan. The Department stated in RC 2 the key difference within Proposal 126. Pink salmon stocks are designated for commercial harvest.

I object to the manner in which this proposal was negated and the public stakeholders affected.

The import of Proposal 126 was significant to the economy of the state and address the absolute foregone harvest on millions of pink salmon stocks available. In fact, RC 175 was submitted to address Proposal 126 and germane to both the set and Drift gillnet fisheries over the foregone harvest under a highly restrictive two 12-hour Pink salmon fishery periods during even year pink returns.

Sincerely,

The author of Proposal 126 / Jeff Beaudoin