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**In regard to Kodiak proposal 69**

3 messages



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Tue, Nov 19, 2019 at 11:37 AM

Chairman Chervenak & advisory committee members,

At the end of & after the 2018 season the Karluk pink escapement of 2,275,207 was the talk of the town from processors, harvesters to concerned citizens. The issue was over a million pinks went past the weir than were needed for escapement. I went to the ADFG office to see what was up. There was what some call "counter fatigue" in the office from explaining to multiple individuals that the current regulations restrict what the department can do on harvesting Karluk bound pinks through the NW Kodiak district. This was new information to me so I crafted proposal 69 as a solution to the foregone harvest that occurred in 2018.

Looking at past even year escapements this foregone harvest of pink salmon was not a one off it has happened 4 times over the last 20 even years of a million, one year 2 million past the weir over needed escapement goals. Other years less than a million but still foregone harvest or as is in ground fish terms "stranded quota".

What I am talking about is 1 million dollars of ex vessel value not including the multiplier of lost processing days, tender fees etc.

This proposal may not capture all of the lost harvest but will give the dept an extra tool to access information on the Karluk pink return as it passes through the NW Kodiak district then act accordingly through management decisions.

Some of the years on the tables there was aggressive fishing some years not. I did not flesh that out. In 2018 poor flying conditions & concerns that the low escapement of the parent year led to a long mid season closure of over a week. With the present economic state of the fisheries I think that any action that will reduce lost harvest opportunity to the fleet & local Kodiak economy should be seriously considered. Thank you Chris Berns

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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 1:45 PM

Chairman Morisky & fellow BoF members,

This information is in regard to proposal 69 Kodiak fin fish in the 2019-2020 BoF proposal book. I am including materials presented to the Kodiak advisory committee on 11/19/2019 who unanimously supported proposal 69 with amendments to the wording **shall changed to may & July 6 changed to July 31st.**

**The changes were made to give ADFG managers flexibility to react to the Karluk even year pink salmon return which is if not the biggest single even year pink salmon system in the gulf of Alaska one of the biggest. As the author of proposal 69 I support the amendments made by the Kodiak advisory committee. Thank you for your consideration. Chris Berns, Kodiak Alaska.**

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Karluk Pink Escapement

|                 |                      |   |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| 2018            | 2,275,207            | X |
| <del>2017</del> | <del>2,283,119</del> |   |
| 2016            | 363,614              |   |
| <del>2015</del> | <del>315,713</del>   |   |
| 2014            | 585,360              |   |
| <del>2013</del> | <del>106,925</del>   |   |
| 2012            | 1,049,897            |   |
| <del>2011</del> | <del>159,710</del>   |   |
| 2010            | 1,324,368            | X |
| <del>2009</del> | <del>159,687</del>   |   |
| 2008            | 624,540              |   |
| <del>2007</del> | <del>259,761</del>   |   |
| 2006            | 1,019,283            | X |
| <del>2005</del> | <del>234,281</del>   |   |
| 2004            | 1,522,675            | X |
| <del>2003</del> | <del>140,794</del>   |   |
| 2002            | 1,694,513            | X |
| <del>2001</del> | <del>66,252</del>    |   |
| 2000            | 1,096,916            | X |
| <del>1999</del> | <del>99,151</del>    |   |
| 1998            | 1,135,439            | X |
| <del>1997</del> | <del>14,910</del>    |   |
| 1996            | 855,783              |   |
| <del>1995</del> | <del>111,881</del>   |   |
| 1994            | 438,991              |   |
| <del>1993</del> | <del>301,871</del>   |   |
| 1992            | 401,083              |   |
| <del>1991</del> | <del>116,322</del>   |   |
| 1990            | 3,423,969            | X |
| <del>1989</del> | <del>109,880</del>   |   |
| 1988            | 711,676              |   |
| <del>1987</del> | <del>24,222</del>    |   |
| 1986            | 668,297              |   |
| <del>1985</del> | <del>41,231</del>    |   |
| 1984            | 1,672,408            | X |
| <del>1983</del> | <del>39,712</del>    |   |
| 1982            | 2,326,674            | X |
| <del>1981</del> | <del>51,741</del>    |   |
| 1980            | 2,359,160            | X |
| <del>1979</del> | <del>31,421</del>    |   |
| 1978            | 1,380,792            | X |

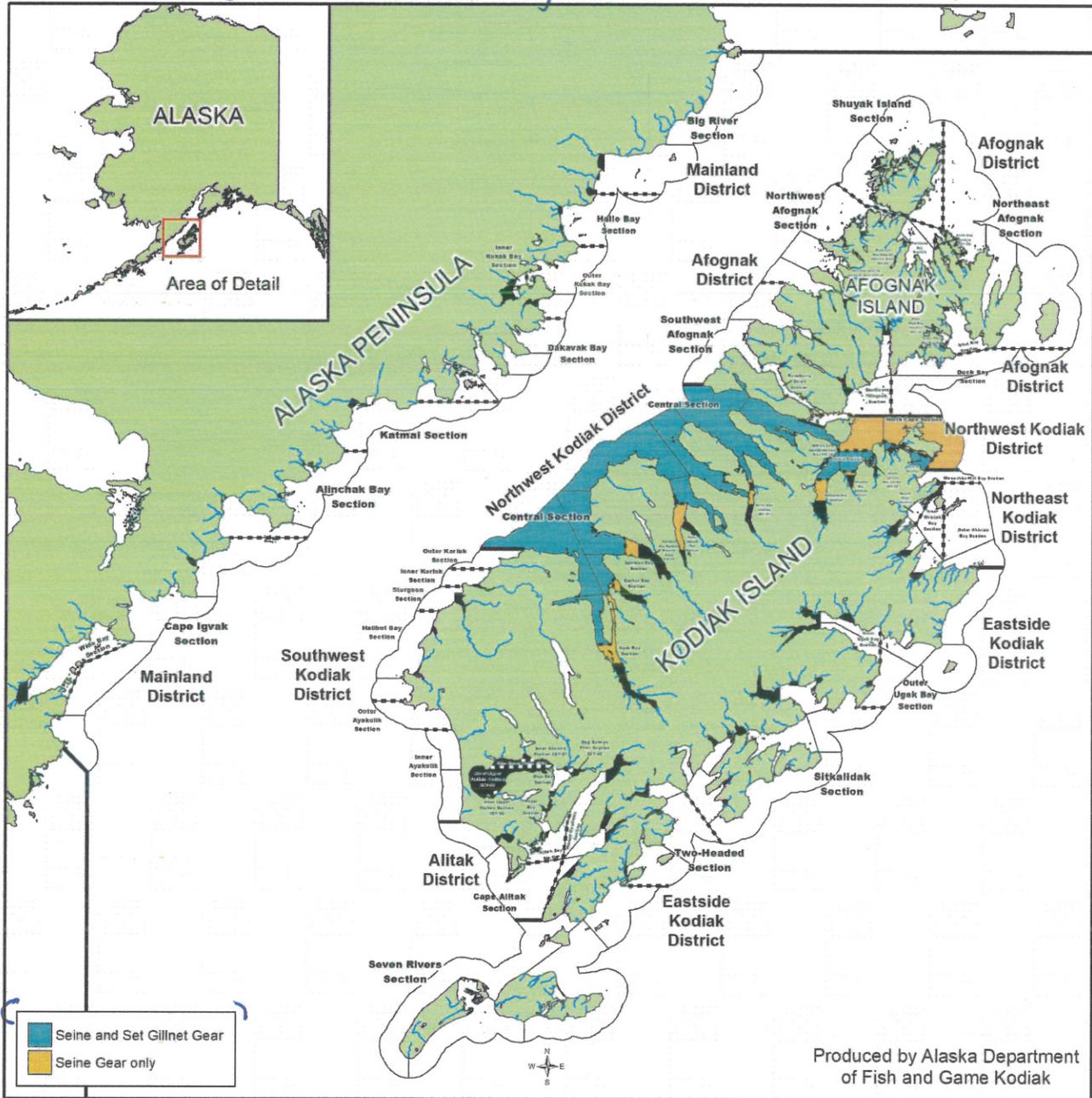
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Even YEAR Escapement Range



| Karluk River Pink Salmon Odd-Year Escapement |                 |                            |                            |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year   | Pink Escapement | Lower Escapement Objective | Upper Escapement Objective |
| 1977   | 52,319          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1979   | 81,473          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1981   | 51,248          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1983   | 38,902          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1985   | 41,232          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1987   | 24,222          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1989   | 109,880         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1991   | 116,329         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1993   | 101,672         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1995   | 111,066         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1997   | 114,881         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 1999   | 89,160          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2001   | 66,554          | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2003   | 140,794         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2005   | 234,281         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2007   | 249,704         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2009   | 159,097         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2011   | 158,740         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2013   | 106,885         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2015   | 319,143         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2017   | 283,018         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |
| 2019   | 433,673         | 20,000                     | 60,000                     |



Central section, N.W. Kodiak district - in blue



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**RE: PROPOSAL 69 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include even-year returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River in management of the Central and North Cape Sections**

I'm in support of this proposal with the following addition. From approximately July 6 through August 15, based on pink salmon returning to the major pink salmon systems in the Northwest Kodiak District, or After July 31st, may on even-year cycles based on pink salmon returning to the Karluk system.



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12/24/19

Chairman Reed Moriskey  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Support Proposal 69**

Dear Chairman Moriskey and Board of Fish members:

I'm a young Kodiak salmon fisherman. I have been running a seine boat since 2011 as well as participating in Kodiak halibut, sea cucumber, cod jig, and tanner crab fisheries. I respectfully request the Board support Proposal 69 with additional language.

Additional language should be added. "From approximately July 6 through August 15, based on pink salmon returning to the major pink salmon systems in the Northwest Kodiak District, **or After July 31st, may on even-year cycles based on pink salmon returning to the Karluk system.**" This substitute language provides protections for the river systems that make up the Central Section and the ADF&G more flexibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals and the chance for my voice to be heard. I look forward to the Board of Fish members getting to spend time in Kodiak and learn more about our town and fishing community.

**I humbly request the Board support Proposal 69.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas Hoffman  
F/V Relentless



December 25, 2019

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Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I request that the Board reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, Alaska



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose this proposal.



December 22, 2019

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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Chris Johnson and I am a second-generation fisherman in Kodiak, Alaska. I grew up fishing on my dad's boat and got my first crew job working for someone else two weeks after I graduated high school. I haven't missed a salmon season since. I bought into the fishing industry in 2011 with the purchase of a 25-foot jig boat that I worked for two years in the winter and spring months while I still crewed for salmon in the summer. Access to the jig fisheries focusing on cod and rockfish was the only way that I could afford to move into the salmon fleet with a 38-footer in 2013. After the recent cod collapse, I now primarily rely on salmon seining and live here year-round with my wife.

I oppose this proposal because it is not ecologically viable. Traditionally when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The thesis behind this proposal also appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

Taking away any fishing opportunity from Kodiak fishermen, particularly from the small boat fleet, would have a direct negative impact on new entrants trying to gain a foothold in this industry, fishing families trying to get by, and fishing support businesses in our region. I'm proud to call Kodiak home and am working to protect our fishing way of life.

Sincerely,  
Chris Johnson  
F/V North Star



December 22, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Danielle Ringer and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposals before the Board in writing and in person for the Kodiak finfish meeting. I live in Kodiak with my husband and we own and operate the 38-foot F/V North Star. We chiefly rely on salmon seining and cod and rockfish jigging to maintain our fishing way of life and ability to live on Kodiak Island. I grew up in Homer learning to harvest and process fish from my parents in Kachemak Bay and dipnetting on the Kenai River. I hold a Master's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Political Ecology of Fisheries and was one of the researchers on the *Graying of the Fleet in Alaska's Fisheries: Defining the Problem and Assessing Alternatives* study in the Kodiak region.

I oppose this proposal because it is not ecologically viable. Traditionally when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The thesis behind this proposal also appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I see no biological, scientific, historical, economic, nor sociocultural reasons that could justify the Board making any changes to Kodiak's salmon management plans. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and I look forward Board of Fisheries members spending time in our fishing community during the Kodiak meeting.

I humbly request the Board to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Ringer, M.A.  
F/V North Star



Fred Stager

F/V Lady Lu

December 12, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section

P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish Members:

I am writing to express my **opposition to proposal 70**, which modifies the Kodiak Westside Management Plan to include odd year Karluk pink salmon stocks in it's calibration. Odd years are traditionally dominated by non-Karluk stocks whose health is important to the fishery as a whole. How can it be deemed sensible to open a fishery based on Karluk alone if the other systems are struggling?

**Please reject proposal 70.** Thank You- Fred Stager



**RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 70. thank you for your time sincerely  
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**RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River**

I'm opposing this proposal simply because it doesn't allow the department to do there jobs responsibly.



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Chairman Reed Moriskey  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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**RE: Oppose Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members:

I'm a young Kodiak salmon fisherman. I have been running a seine boat since 2011 as well as participating in Kodiak halibut, sea cucumber, cod jig, and tanner crab fisheries. I respectfully request the Board reject Proposal 70.

This proposal is not prudent during odd years when smaller systems within the Central Section are more dominant and Karluk is usually weaker. This proposal may cause a conservation issue by forcing the Department to open the Central Section even if some of the Central rivers are having a tough year based on Karluk runs alone.

I see no reason for the Board to make any changes to the Kodiak Salmon Management plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals and the chance for my voice to be heard. I look forward to the Board of Fish members getting to spend time in Kodiak and learn more about our town and fishing community.

**I humbly request the Board reject Proposal 70.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas Hoffman  
F/V Relentless



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

The central section of the NW Kodiak district is managed for a mix of pink salmon stocks in the NW Kodiak district. It is recognized that on even years Karluk contributes significant numbers of pinks to the catches in the district. The proposed change would seem to allow or direct managers to ignore low escapements to the streams in the NW Kodiak district to harvest Karluk pinks. This proposal isn't specific to even years. Karluk odd year pink production is very limited. This proposal applies to the entire pink season and only in the later part of the season would a disparity in returns between even year Karluk pink returns and NW Kodiak district returns be apparent. Management of the central section is always a balance of harvesting surplus pinks and achieving escapement of the many salmon streams in the district. I am concerned that this proposal may lead to not achieving escapement in the NW Kodiak district streams when Karluk pinks are unusually strong. Seiners would likely be shut out of the inside seine only areas more often.



December 25, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife three children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I request that the Board reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, Alaska



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

December 25, 2019 Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 Re: Opposition to Proposal 70 Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members, I am Steve Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Grace. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures. ? I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal. I request that the Board reject this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments, Steve and Jenny Roth F/V Sea Grace Homer, Alaska



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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 70**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am William Roth, Captian of the F/V Sea Chantey. I own a Kodiak seine permit and have been fishing it for the lasat 5 years as well as working as crew since 2010, I rely mostly on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 71 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I request that the Board reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

William and Kaytlen Roth  
F/V Sea Chantey  
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Homer AK  
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## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

Dear Chairman Morisky and members of the Board of Fisheries, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposal 67. Our family has been setnetting in Uganik Bay on the westside of Kodiak since 1999. This proposal is very similar to Proposal 69 and provides setnetters an opportunity on Karluk bound pink salmon during years of high abundance. On even years, the Karluk pink salmon run can at times be 4 times as large as all the major systems in the Northwest Kodiak District. By considering the Karluk pink run in the Central Section management, there could be more opportunity to both gillnetters and seineers and still protect weaker stocks in the Northwest Kodiak District.



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

Dear Board of Fish members: I am writing to support proposal 70. This one is very similar to proposal 69, except that this one doesn't limit to the even years only. As a setnetter in the central section of the NorthWest Kodiak District, we have been concerned in recent years that we have been shut down due to concerns over local pink escapement when in fact Karluk is having really strong escapement, and we believe that historically, Karluk escapements have been taken into account when managing this section. Adding this language will give the managers flexibility to manage openings so that all fishermen (this doesn't just benefit set-netters) would potentially have more opportunities to fish, and it would help prevent over-escapement in that system in high Karluk pink years. Thank you for your consideration, Adelia Myrick Uganik Bay Setnetter



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

My name is Jamin Hall, my wife and I have a set net site in Uganik Bay. I am writing in support of proposal 70. This proposal gives the Department of Fish and Game more management tools to effectively react to returning pink salmon in the Karluk system and the west side in general. This is a win-win scenario; if pink returns to the Karluk system are small or moderate management will be the same as it is now. If Pink returns to the Karluk system are huge then the Department will have the ability to give the Central and North Cape sections more fishing time. This proposal gives the Department more flexibility when managing pinks in the NW district and will give fishermen more fishing time when conditions warrant.



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

My name is Jonathan Edwards, I have been salmon set netting on the Westside of Kodiak for 40 years. I have witnessed many years when small local pink systems have been weak, when, at the same time, Karluk River, THE major pink system on the Westside, has been huge, millions of pinks. Outside Westside fishermen have been unable to fish during pink season on these years, denying great opportunity. Most of the Karluk pinks on these years end up greatly exceeding escapement goals, and becoming a large revenue loss. These years, allowing fishing for pinks on the outer areas on the Westside makes good sense. The minor systems can be protected with enlarged sanctuary areas.



**Northwest Setnetters Association**  
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December 21, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Reed Morisky, Chair  
Attn: Glen Haight, Executive Director  
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P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

RE: Approval of proposal 70

Dear Chairman Morisky and members of the Board of Fisheries,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposal 70 in advance of the Board meeting. This proposal was put forth by the Northwest Setnetters Association and we request you approve this proposal. Our organization and its members identified this proposal as a possible solution to recent lost opportunities of the setnet fleet. Our membership has voted unanimously within our Association to put forth this proposal. It is very similar to Proposal 69 and provides setnetters an opportunity on Karluk bound pink salmon during abundant years.

Our proposal requests the inclusion of pink salmon escapement, into the Karluk system, be considered in the Department's management of the Central and North Cape Section. Our belief is the Karluk pink escapement numbers were originally intended to be part of the Westside pink salmon management plan and should continue to be an element of that plan providing all fishermen (seine & setnet) an opportunity to harvest these fish while traveling through the Central and North Cape Sections.

All Northwest setnetters are confined to the Central Section. If the Karluk pink salmon system, which can be very strong some years, is not considered, our belief is setnetters have lost a significant opportunity on these local pink salmon that were originally intended to be part of the Westside management plan and available to all Kodiak fisherman. With climate variability and natural cycles of change this proposal provides managers a tool to better manage the Westside salmon fishery for abundance of pinks in both even and odd years, whenever it may occur.

Additionally, we feel it is important to avoid over escapement of pinks into the Karluk system, which happened most recently in 2018. As a result, pinks were seen up in the Karluk lake watershed and its tributary streams. This proposal will provide managers the flexibility to react during large pink salmon abundance years in the Karluk while these fish are traveling through the North Cape and Central sections. The Karluk system typically has large even year returns of pink salmon to the system. This proposal allows for the flexibility of both even years and odd years if there appears to be large returns in any year. Variability in returning salmon runs is always a factor in the management process and this proposal provides flexibility for this.



We respectfully ask the Board to approve proposal 70 and provide all salmon fishermen, on the Westside, an opportunity to harvest pink salmon bound for the Karluk while traveling through the Central section.

Sincerely,

Mark Beardsley  
President - Northwest Setnetters Association



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

As a lifelong westside setnetter, I would like to see Karluk pinks included in the pink salmon management plan from early July through the middle of August. It is a small wording change in the management plan that would give management one more tool to properly manage Kodiak's Westside pink salmon harvest, and give a setnetter, as well as seiners a chance to harvest these fish in years of over-abundance. Thank you.



## RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River

I support this proposal. I have fished on the west side of Kodiak Island for 53 years. In my experience, the runs in Uyak and Uganik are big when Karluk pink runs are big, whether it is an even or odd year. It is possible that historical fish and game statistics can verify this, as well. The Karluk pink run should be included in the central section of the northwest district management plan, and whether technically correct or not, it seems to me it has been included in the past.



**RE: PROPOSAL 70 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River**

I support this measure as it will allow the managers better flexibility in avoiding over escapement and general better harvest of pinks. Thank you



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

I think the current management plan is tried and true. As the operator of a small vessel this proposal would cripple me and many others chances to be at all productive in the early season. It would also be fixing a problem that doesn't exist



December 25, 2019

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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

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I request that the Board reject proposal 71.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, Alaska



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

Bo Calhoun 57177 Zulu Ct. Homer, AK 99603 12/26/19 RE: Opposition to Proposal #71 Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I'm a third generation Kodiak salmon seiner. I was born in Homer, raised in Port Lions and Homer, and continue to live in Homer. My wife and I hope to raise our two sons on our family seine boat in a healthy Kodiak salmon fishery. I respectfully request the Board reject Proposal #71. Proposal #71 would inhibit the ability of ADF&G to manage the Kodiak salmon fishery. The current management plan is working as intended to sufficiently protect inner bay runs, while allowing maximum fishing opportunity. Please reject proposal #71. Thank you for taking the time to read public comments. Sincerely, Bo Calhoun



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My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possible my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I strongly oppose this proposal. This would seriously take away the ability of the swine fleet to harvest salmon. Especially for the smaller boats in the fleet that fish in the bays where there is less weather and it is more safe to fish. This proposal would harm all Kodiak fishermen especially the smaller boats. Also it would make management much more difficult for ADFG to manage the escapement numbers. I feel that we should support the small boats as they are typical people just getting into fishing or don't have as much capital as the larger boats and are more dependent on fishing in the bays.



December 22, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Chris Johnson and I am a second-generation fisherman in Kodiak, Alaska. I grew up fishing on my dad's boat and got my first crew job working for someone else two weeks after I graduated high school. I haven't missed a salmon season since. I bought into the fishing industry in 2011 with the purchase of a 25-foot jig boat that I worked for two years in the winter and spring months while I still crewed for salmon in the summer. Access to the jig fisheries focusing on cod and rockfish was the only way that I could afford to move into the salmon fleet with a 38-footer in 2013. After the recent cod collapse, I now primarily rely on salmon seining and live here year-round with my wife.

I oppose proposal 71 for a number of reasons. I believe this proposal and underlying assumptions represent a perception problem, rather than a reality. It would remove an important tool from management at ADF&G to prevent over escapement. The inner bays are a seine only area that have large closed water areas to ensure escapement and adequate open waters to eliminate gear conflict. Furthermore, if escapement objectives are not being met there is no reason for the Central Section to be open at all as harvest in that section is on the same fish. The inner bays are also vital to the small boat fleet here in Kodiak; it is where the new entrants can come and learn as they hide from weather as well as providing important financial opportunities in traditional seine fishing areas. Our boat is as small as a seiner can be in the Kodiak fleet and still be competitive and taking away the inner bays would have a direct negative impact on our bottom line as we rely on these sheltered bays to keep the gear in the water when the outside is too dangerous for us to fish. The adoption of this proposal would disproportionately negatively impact Kodiak's small boat fleet, which represents a good amount of the new entrants trying to make their start in the industry.

Taking away any fishing opportunity from Kodiak fishermen, particularly from the small boat fleet, would have a direct negative impact on new entrants trying to gain a foothold in this industry, fishing families trying to get by, and fishing support businesses in our region. I'm proud to call Kodiak home and am working to protect our fishing way of life.

Sincerely,  
Chris Johnson  
F/V North Star



December 22, 2019

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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Danielle Ringer and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposals before the Board in writing and in person for the Kodiak finfish meeting. I live in Kodiak with my husband and we own and operate the 38-foot F/V North Star. We chiefly rely on salmon seining and cod and rockfish jigging to maintain our fishing way of life and ability to live on Kodiak Island. I grew up in Homer learning to harvest and process fish from my parents in Kachemak Bay and dipnetting on the Kenai River. I hold a Master's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Political Ecology of Fisheries and was one of the researchers on the *Graying of the Fleet in Alaska's Fisheries: Defining the Problem and Assessing Alternatives* study in the Kodiak region.

I oppose proposal 71 for a number of reasons. I believe this proposal and underlying assumptions represent a perception problem, rather than a reality. It would remove an important tool from management at ADF&G to prevent over escapement. The inner bays are a seine only area that have large closed water areas to ensure escapement and adequate open waters to eliminate gear conflict. Furthermore, if escapement objectives are not being met there is no reason for the Central Section to be open at all as harvest in that section is on the same fish. The inner bays are also vital to the small boat fleet here in Kodiak; it is where the new entrants can come and learn as they hide from weather as well as providing important financial opportunities in traditional seine fishing areas. Our boat is as small as a seiner can be in the Kodiak fleet and still be competitive and taking away the inner bays would have a direct negative impact on our bottom line as we rely on these sheltered bays to keep the gear in the water when the outside is too dangerous for us to fish. The adoption of this proposal would disproportionately negatively impact Kodiak's small boat fleet, which represents a good amount of the new entrants trying to make their start in the industry.

I see no biological, scientific, historical, economic, nor sociocultural reasons that could justify the Board making any changes to the salmon management plans in the Kodiak Management Area, which would create ripple effects negatively impacting Kodiak fishermen, processing workers, and community businesses. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and I look forward Board of Fisheries members spending time in our fishing community during the Kodiak meeting.

I humbly request the Board to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Ringer, M.A., F/V North Star



December 22, 2019  
Darren Platt (FV Agnes Sabine)  
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RE: **Oppose Proposal 71**

The members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I'm writing in **opposition to proposal 71**. I'm a small-boat fisherman and rely on the inner bays for shelter from rough weather. This proposal would disproportionately impact the small-vessel fleet and would eliminate a productive fishery that already poses no threat to the pink and chum runs in the inner bays. The early tests fisheries occur long-before peak run time and allow the department to gauge run-strength in the individual systems within the bays. This is simply a bad proposal intending to correct a non-existing problem while reducing yields in the area.

I'm a resident of Kodiak and the owner/operator of a 42-foot commercial fishing vessel. I participate in the local salmon, tanner crab, and herring fisheries.

Thank you,  
Darren Platt



Fred Stager

F/V Lady Lu

December 12, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section

P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish Members:

I'm writing to express **opposition to proposal 71**. Simply put, this proposal seeks to fix a problem which doesn't exist, by closing traditional seine-only areas and causing great harm and danger to the small boat component of our seine fleet. In addition, this proposal would cause a tremendous increase in local gear-conflict by forcing the entire seine fleet into the Central Section. The entire "cost" of this proposal would be carried by the seine fleet.

Early test fisheries conducted in the inner bays occur well before traditional peak run timing and provide accurate gauges of run strength without imperiling local stocks. Lack of fish in freshwater at this time means that test fisheries are the only viable way for the department to gauge run strength early in the season. This means that the requirement that the department be assured that escapement objectives will be achieved before *any* openings in these areas will preclude the prosecution of any of the traditional early fisheries in the inner bays. Additionally, early chum harvests in Terror, Uganik, Zachar, and Spiridon bays occur well before significant volumes of pink salmon have entered the streams and adoption of this proposal would all but eliminate these fisheries.



The Board should also consider that the inner bays provide seiners some respite from dangerous weather conditions in the outer areas of the central section. Inclement weather events are increasingly more frequent in Kodiak and the inner bay fisheries provide a critical safe harbor fishery for the fleet in areas free from gear conflict. The current management plan is effective and provides some opportunity for an early season safe harvest by the smaller seiners in the fleet. Please continue using science and not emotion in your fishery management, **reject proposal 71.**

Thank You- Fred Stager



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Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 71. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



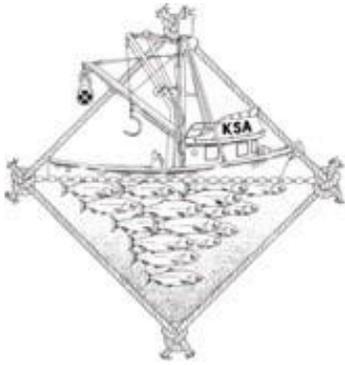
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I have been intimately involved in the Kodiak seine fishery since 1968 to present. Presently my son is fishing the Kodiak area and it is my desire to have my grandsons be able to participate in a healthy Kodiak fishery if they so desire. Throughout my career I have come to the conclusion that the ADF&G management for Kodiak has been stellar and has kept the stocks in Kodiak healthy overall with the current management plan. Inner bays are seine only exclusive areas designed with adequate open water to ensure escapements and to minimize gear conflicts. Closure would be a loss to seiners only. If management has to keep inner bays closed to ensure escapement objectives are achieved, then there should be no reason Central section should be open as the harvest in Central section is the same fish. Proposal would tie the departments hands in ability to open to prevent over escapement. Multiple run timings with multiple species would result in foregone harvest to seiners of chums and early run pinks



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Again i'm opposing this one because it hinders the departments ability to do their jobs.



Kodiak Seiners Association  
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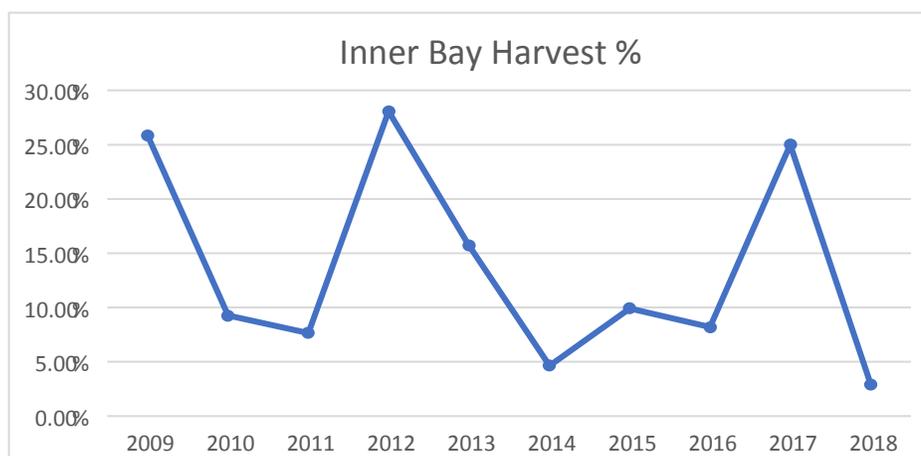
RE: **Oppose Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish Members:

The Kodiak Seiners Association is writing to express our **opposition to proposal 71**, which would close traditional seine-only fishing areas, reduce overall yield in the Kodiak Management Area (KMA), entirely prevent the harvest of early chum stocks in the inner bays, and would disproportionately impact smaller seine vessels. This proposal would eliminate early season fishing opportunities in inner bays, which occur well before peak run timing but can nevertheless be very productive on years of strong runs.

The early test fisheries conducted in the inner bays occur well before traditional peak run timing and provide accurate gauges of run strength without imperiling local stocks. Typical openings on July 6 and 13 occur well before significant numbers of fish have entered the streams. Lack of fish in freshwater means that test fisheries are the only viable way for the department to gauge run strength early in the season. This means that the requirement that the department be assured that escapement objectives will be achieved before *any* openings in these areas will preclude the prosecution of any of the traditional early fisheries in the inner bays. Additionally, early chum harvests in Terror, Uganik, Zachar, and Spiridon bays occur well before significant volumes of pink salmon have entered the streams and adoption of this proposal would all but eliminate these fisheries.

There are currently no prevailing escapement problems that will be solved by the adoption of this proposal as the current management plan has proved sufficient at securing NW Kodiak district escapement through selective closures of the inner bays and the central section. On years of relatively low abundance of pink and chum salmon, such as 2014, 2016, 2018, negligible harvest occurs in these areas during the test fisheries. In fact, on these years, of the total harvest of pink salmon in the Northwest Kodiak District, an average of roughly 5% of fish caught came from the inner bays, and most of this harvest occurred during the peak portion of the run while the central section was also open. A graph below depicts the percent of pink salmon harvested in the inner bays as a total of the central section harvest.



This proposal would eliminate large early harvests of pink and chum salmon on years of high abundance such as 2012, 2017, and 2019. The primary outcome of this proposal would be to reduce yield in the KMA without providing any additional conservation benefits. This proposal will negatively impact harvest in the KMA without fixing any existing problems.

The Board should also consider that the inner bays provide seiners some respite from dangerous weather conditions in the outer areas of the central section. Inclement weather events are increasingly more frequent in Kodiak and the inner bay fisheries provide a critical safe harbor fishery for the fleet in areas free from gear conflict. Kodiak is not a super-seiner fishery like those found in Southeast Alaska and Prince William sound, and a very high percentage of vessels operating in the area are old, smaller seiners ill-equipped for rough weather conditions. The adoption of this proposal would disproportionately impact Kodiak's small boat fleet.

The current management plan has proved effective at ensuring adequate escapement in inner bays while providing for maximum sustained yield in the NW Kodiak district. KSA therefore respectfully requests the Board **reject proposal 71**. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on behalf of the membership of KSA. We appreciate the scientific and factual creation of regulations regarding our fisheries and trust that the Board continue to apply consistency in designing regulation changes while applying the guiding BOF policies, such as the Management for Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries.

*Kodiak Seiners Association represents 157 members, including the majority of actively fishing SO1K seine permit holders, Kodiak and Homer-based businesses, and individual crewmembers. Our focus is advocacy for our membership through positive interactions with ADF&G, the Board of Fisheries, and our State Legislature.*

Respectfully,

Nate Rose  
KSA President



December 24, 2019

Matthew Alward

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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Opposition to proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and board of fisheries members,

I reside in Homer, AK and operate my own seine boat in the Kodiak salmon fishery and I oppose proposal 71. I raised our kids on the back deck of our seiner and they have spent many days fishing in some of the sections that this proposal seeks to limit fishing time in.

Proposal 71 if enacted would not allow the department to open the inner bay sections unless it was determined that they would achieve the desired escapement goals. Currently the department can open these sections congruent with the central section to allow for pink and chum run strength test fisheries. According to department staff comments if they were restricted to keeping the inner bays closed until they achieve escapement goals that could cause over escapement of local pink, chum, coho, and sockeye stocks and they are opposed to those restrictions. They state that "the current management plan allows managers to protect Northwest Kodiak District sockeye, pink, chum, and coho salmon escapement."

When asked "what is the issue you would like to board to address and why" the proposers state that these areas exist as separate, unique sections intended specifically to preserve individual stocks. The department claims that the current plan gives them all the flexibility they need to protect those individual stocks. There have been many times in the past that the department has closed the inner bays while the central section is open to protect individual stocks, showing that under the current plan the department has the tools necessary to protect the stocks that this proposal is seeking to protect.

What is not stated in the reasoning for this proposal is that if adopted it would shift some of the fishing time from the inner bays which are seine only areas to the central section which is a set net and seine area thus causing an allocation shift from the seine fleet to the set net fleet. There is no reasoning or new data mentioned at all for why an allocation shift from the long-standing management plan is justified.

Since this proposal is really an allocation shift masked as seeking to protect individual salmon stocks and there is no data to show why an allocation shift is justified I ask that you keep the management tools that the department currently has in place and oppose proposal 71.

Sincerely,

Matthew Alward



Nicholas Hoffman  
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12/24/19

Chairman Reed Moriskey  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Oppose Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members:

I'm a young Kodiak salmon fisherman. I have been running a seine boat since 2011 as well as participating in Kodiak halibut, sea cucumber, cod jig, and tanner crab fisheries. I respectfully request the Board reject Proposal 71.

This proposal would limit the Department's ability to open the inner bays and may cause a conservation issue by allowing an over-escapement of early run pinks when the bay is still unable to be opened for fishing. Also this proposal would cause more gear conflicts between seiners and setnetters due to limited available area during openers. The current inner bay sections already have ample closed waters near the head of the bay and the stream mouths to ensure escapements. This proposal doesn't allow for multi-species run timings which would result in lost harvest to seiners only.

I see no reason for the Board to make any changes to the Kodiak Salmon Management plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals and the chance for my voice to be heard. I look forward to the Board of Fish members getting to spend time in Kodiak and learn more about our town and fishing community.

**I humbly request the Board reject Proposal 71.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas Hoffman  
F/V Relentless



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

These seine only areas have been part of the NW Kodiak area fisheries for many decades and are an important part of the seine fishery. There are generous closed waters adjacent to these areas that have proven to provide a quality harvest while getting escapements. If they were closed until escapements were assured the escapement would be composed of a high percentage of males and be dominated by the early components of the runs. Pink salmon are returning from the beginning of July all the way to September. Set netters want these areas closed in the expectation that the central section of the NW Kodiak district where they fish would get more fishing time. There would be problems with this outcome aside from the reallocation towards set netters. The central section has 25 salmon streams that provide significant production if they get escapement and conditions are favorable. Increased central section fishing time would jeopardize getting adequate escapement to these systems. While set netters and seiners adamantly defend our right to fishing time under the west side management plan, it is not in our interests to try to increase fishing time with the controversy over Cook Inlet bound sockeye. While the proposals for restrictions are directed at seiners, set netters catch between 50% to 75% of the sockeye caught in the NW Kodiak district typically.



December 25, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife three children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 70 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I request that the Board reject proposal 71.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, Alaska



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December 25, 2019 Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 Re: Opposition to Proposal 71 Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members, I am Steve Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Grace. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures. ? I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 70 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal. I request that the Board reject proposal 71. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments, Steve and Jenny Roth F/V Sea Grace Homer, Alaska



December 25, 2019

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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 71**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am William Roth, Captian of the F/V Sea Chantey. I own a Kodiak seine permit and have been fishing it for the lasat 5 years as well as working as crew since 2010, I rely mostly on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because when the Central Section is strong, Karluk is weak, and vice versa depending on the odd or even year. It would be poor management to be pressured into opening the Central Section to fish on Karluk fish if Central Section systems are struggling to make escapements for some reason. The purpose of this proposal appears to run counter to proposal 70 submitted by the same authors. I cannot support either proposal.

I request that the Board reject proposal 71.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments,

William and Kaytlen Roth  
F/V Sea Chantey  
PO BOX 1230  
Homer AK  
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Dear Chairman Morisky and members of the Board of Fisheries, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposal 71. Our family has been setnetting in Uganik Bay on the westside of Kodiak since 1999. I would like to clarify that the intent of the proposal is not to keep the inner bays closed until the midpoint of the escapement objective is achieved, but until it appears that interim escapement objectives will be achieved. Based on comments at the AC meeting, it seems the Department understands the proposal will cause inner bays to be closed in all except the years with the largest returns. This is definitely not the intention of the proposal. Many setnetters are concerned that the situation exists where high concentrations of pink salmon returning to, for example, Uganik River aggregate close to terminal areas where they are very efficiently targeted by seiners in seine-only waters. If that situation happens repeatedly early in the pink return on a year with a marginal run to that individual system, it can cause the entire Central Section to close down for days, or weeks, later in the season. We want to ensure equitable opportunity for harvest. We believe the Department needs to determine that pink runs to the minor systems of the Northwest District are individually reasonably robust before allowing the targeted harvest of those stocks close to terminal areas. The Northwest District at large is managed based on the overall return profile of pink salmon to all of the numerous pink salmon systems in the District. The catch of mixed-gear harvesters in the Central and North Cape Sections are dominated by fish returning to systems with robust returns. Because the management of the Central and North Cape Sections is based on the general health of the aggregate pink salmon return to the NW District, if directed harvest on near-terminal fish is allowed without assessment by ADF&G, it can tip the balance of management and cause long closures for all harvesters.



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Dear Board of Fish members: As a 2nd generation setnetter, I support this proposal to add language to ensure that the local runs in the inner bays are protected from fishing until Fish and Game determines that the escapement goals are projected to be achieved. Perhaps it would result in 2 or so additional days of fishing over a 10-year time frame for us, since we are not allowed to fish in the inner bays, but it is important to us nonetheless because we struggle to stay in the game as fishermen these days. It really is just us as set-netters asking for one more common sense tool to help us stay in the game as fishermen, and one that could benefit the salmon runs to boot! Thank you for your consideration, Adelia Myrick Uganik Bay setnetter



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

My name is Jamin Hall, my wife and I have a set net site in Uganik Bay. I am writing in support of proposal 71. This proposal allows more parity in fishing opportunities between the portion of the seine fleet who fish the inner bays and the rest of the salmon fleet. The inner bays are always closed to setnets, there are no opportunities for set net fishermen to fish there. However, the seiners are currently allowed to go into the inner bays and sweep up any fish there, whether they are local to that system or not, and this can happen even before mid season interim goals have been met. This results in missed fishing opportunities, for both set net fishermen and the many seiners who do not fish the inner bays. Keeping the inner bays closed until escapement merits opening the entire central section just makes good sense.



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I have set netted on the Westside of Kodiak (Central section) for 40 years. During the early part of the pink salmon fishery, we have had managers that, when the pink run was projected to be poor, they would enlarge the sanctuary areas in the inner bay openings, thereby, helping to ensure escapement goals are eventually met. This is not the case of the manager of the last ten years. The manager has put no added protection on the inner bay areas. On weak years, when the MAIN part of the pink run occurs, the whole Central Section (Westside) remains closed, hoping to get escapement goals in the inner bay systems. The escapement was harvested in inner bays at the beginning of the pink season. This is a disaster for outside fishermen. Escapement should be assured before aggressively harvesting the inner bays. As it stands, the seiners are fine with this scenario, because, if the Central Section is closed they just move on to other areas in the Kodiak Management Area.



**Northwest Setnetters Association**  
**P.O. Box 870**  
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December 21, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Reed Morisky, Chair  
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P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

RE: Approval of proposal 71

Dear Chairman Morisky and members of the Board of Fisheries,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposal 71 in advance of the Board meeting. This proposal was put forth by the Northwest Setnetters Association (NWSA) and we request you approve this proposal. We have had many discussions internally within our organization in addition to meetings with the Department of Fish and Game on the management of Inner Bays. Our organization and its members unanimously approved submitting this proposal.

Northwest Setnetters Association is comprised of over 100 active SO4K permit holders and crewmembers of which the vast majority of these operations have been run by resident families of Kodiak for generations. Recently, the viability of our setnet fishery has increasingly become more difficult to maintain and we are approaching a situation of survival as a fishery. Therefore, we feel this proposal needs your attention.

Proposal 71 looks to assure "interim" pink salmon escapement goals are achieved in the terminal areas of the Inner bays of the Central Section before these areas would open for pink salmon harvest.

There may have been some miscommunication between our organization and the Department of Fish and Game about our intent of this proposal. For clarification, our main concern is the timing of the opening within these Inner bays and our desire to have interim escapement goals achieved. We feel that between roughly July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> early pink salmon returning to these areas should not be harvested until it appears interim escapement goals have been achieved for these dates. If in fact the Department of Fish and Game is confident these interim goals are being met by their aerial surveys these areas would open to seine harvest.

On occasions over the years, Inner bay openings have occurred before interim pink escapement has been achieved. This has sometimes resulted in areas of the Central Section, outside of these Inner Bay sections, to be closed. Because the Inner Bay areas are open only to seiners, the result has been lost fishing opportunity for both setnet fishermen, who cannot fish in the inner areas, and seine fishermen who do not usually fish inside these inner areas. NWSA believes it is in the interest of all Kodiak commercial salmon fishermen to allow salmon



returning to the Inner Bays, during late July to mid-August, to remain unharvested until interim escapement numbers have been achieved. This is not only a conservation measure but also a biologically diverse approach to ensuring the future health of local streams for all user groups.

We respectfully ask the Board to approve proposal 71 to provide the best possible long-term opportunity for all salmon fishermen.

Sincerely,

Mark Beardsley  
President - Northwest Setnetters Association



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

I support this proposal because these are smaller runs that can be more easily affected by overfishing early in the season. If you open up the inner bays early, you fish out the early part of the run which can change the pattern of the runs in the big picture.



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

I am a 42 season veteran of the Kodiak west side gill net fishery. There have been many seasons when the Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest District have been closed due to inadequate pink salmon escapement in these inner bays. This has been caused by these terminal areas being opened before adequate escapement has been projected and the harvest in these seine only areas. This results in lost opportunity for the gill net fleet in the Central and North Cape Sections of the Northwest District.. The only time these inner bay sections must be opened is during the two pink test fisheries in July.



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

I would like to see more conservation for the inner bays and not allowing one gear type single access to the inner bays while the outer bays are closed. In effect giving the managers more flexibility and better control as the Kodiak ADFG says they have to open inner bays at certain thresholds are met. Thank you



**RE: PROPOSAL 71 Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved**

My name is Virginia Adams. I have fished my set net operation on the West Side of Kodiak with my husband and son for 40 years, since 1980. I believe it is in the best interest of all Kodiak commercial salmon fishermen to allow salmon returning to the Inner Bays, during late July- mid August, to remain unharvested until interim escapement numbers have been achieved. There has been great frustration for west side set netters who watch the harvest of salmon build up in the Inner Bays by the seine fleet, and then experience long closures due to lack of escapement into the Inner Bay rivers and streams. Set netters have approached Fish & Game in regards to these concerns repeatedly and were in fact advised by Mr. Sagalkin of Kodiak ADF&G in 2016 to look for a Board of Fisheries management change as a solution to our concerns. Although I believe our proposal may have been presented in too broad a fashion, I strongly advocate for a thorough consideration of the issue being brought forward in this Inner Bay proposal. It is in the best interests of all West Side salmon fishermen, as well as in the best interest of the salmon resource, that the build up of salmon in the Inner Bays be left unharvested by the seine fleet until "interim" salmon escapement goals are achieved in these terminal areas.



## RE: PROPOSAL 72 Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose proposal 72. This could negatively affect all salmon in Ayakulik. This area is a very effective tool to manage over escapement. That is why I oppose this proposal.



December 22, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 72**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Chris Johnson and I am a second-generation fisherman in Kodiak, Alaska. I grew up fishing on my dad's boat and got my first crew job working for someone else two weeks after I graduated high school. I haven't missed a salmon season since. I bought into the fishing industry in 2011 with the purchase of a 25-foot jig boat that I worked for two years in the winter and spring months while I still crewed for salmon in the summer. Access to the jig fisheries focusing on cod and rockfish was the only way that I could afford to move into the salmon fleet with a 38-footer in 2013. After the recent cod collapse, I now primarily rely on salmon seining and live here year-round with my wife.

I oppose this proposal because it would tie the ability of the ADF&G staff to manage for overescapement and I support the current management plan as written.

Taking away any fishing opportunity from Kodiak fishermen, particularly from the small boat fleet, would have a direct negative impact on new entrants trying to gain a foothold in this industry, fishing families trying to get by, and fishing support businesses in our region. I'm proud to call Kodiak home and am working to protect our fishing way of life.

Sincerely,  
Chris Johnson  
F/V North Star



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P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 72**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Danielle Ringer and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposals before the Board in writing and in person for the Kodiak finfish meeting. I live in Kodiak with my husband and we own and operate the 38-foot F/V North Star. We chiefly rely on salmon seining and cod and rockfish jigging to maintain our fishing way of life and ability to live on Kodiak Island. I grew up in Homer learning to harvest and process fish from my parents in Kachemak Bay and dipnetting on the Kenai River. I hold a Master's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Political Ecology of Fisheries and was one of the researchers on the *Graying of the Fleet in Alaska's Fisheries: Defining the Problem and Assessing Alternatives* study in the Kodiak region.

I oppose this proposal because it would tie the ability of the ADF&G staff to manage for overescapement and I support the current management plan as written.

I see no biological, scientific, historical, economic, nor sociocultural reasons that could justify the Board making any changes to the salmon management plans in the Kodiak Management Area, which would create ripple effects negatively impacting Kodiak fishermen, processing workers, and community businesses. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and I look forward Board of Fisheries members spending time in our fishing community during the Kodiak meeting.

I humbly request the Board to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Ringer, M.A.  
F/V North Star



**RE: PROPOSAL 72 Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 72. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



**RE: PROPOSAL 72 Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15**

I have been intimately involved in the Kodiak seine fishery since 1968 to present. Presently my son is fishing the Kodiak area and it is my desire to have my grandsons be able to participate in a healthy Kodiak fishery if they so desire. Throughout my career I have come to the conclusion that the ADF&G management for Kodiak has been stellar and has kept the stocks in Kodiak healthy overall with the current management plan. Proposal might create concerns for over escapement of pinks and sockeye into Ayakulik river. Seiners don't retain kings over 28".



**RE: PROPOSAL 72 Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15**

our plan is sufficient. Proposal would tie ability of department to manage for overescapement.



**RE: PROPOSAL 72 Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15**

I support the current language in the management plan for the Ayakulik section. This proposal would limit the ability of ADF&G to manage this area effectively and could result in over-escapement.



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, AK



## RE: PROPOSAL 73 Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours between commercial salmon fishing periods

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose proposal 73.



**RE: PROPOSAL 73 Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours  
between commercial salmon fishing periods**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 73. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



**RE: PROPOSAL 73 Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours  
between commercial salmon fishing periods**

This .should be left to the department to manage. They do a great job



**RE: PROPOSAL 73 Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours  
between commercial salmon fishing periods**

This proposal would limit the department's ability to manage the Ayakulik River and prevent over-escapement. I support the Kodiak Salmon Management Plan as it is currently written.



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife three children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, AK



**RE: PROPOSAL 73 Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours  
between commercial salmon fishing periods**

**LETS SEE FACTS NOT FEELINGS!**



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, AK



## RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose proposal 74. This would take away a tool from management to control over escaping this system. Over escaping can severely damage all salmon runs in this system.



December 22, 2019  
Darren Platt (FV Agnes Sabine)  
10708 Birch Cir  
Kodiak, AK 99615

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RE: **Oppose Proposals 74 and 75**

The members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I'm writing in **opposition to proposals 74 and 75**, which establish a 500-yard closed water area at the terminus of the Ayakulik river. Inner Ayakulik openers are chaotic and frenzied, and the creation of an un-enforceable ambiguous closed water area will lead to fishermen frequently inadvertently harvesting fish in closed waters. The proposal is right to assert that more conservation measures are needed to conserve Kings in this area but those measures should limit fishing time, instead of area.

I'm a resident of Kodiak and the owner/operator of a 42-foot commercial fishing vessel. I participate in the local salmon, tanner crab, and herring fisheries.

Thank you,  
Darren Platt



**RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 74. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



**RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15**

Let the department manage the area. The department should be able to go with the management plan which has been working.



**RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15**

This proposal would limit the department's ability to manage the Ayakulik River and prevent over-escapement. I support the Kodiak Salmon Management Plan as it is currently written.



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife three children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, AK



**RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15**

Theres already rules in place to keep king stock happy.



## RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15

I support proposal #74 to close waters within 500 yards of the Ayakulik River terminus to commercial fishing June 10th through July 15th. Ayakulik River king salmon returns have been on a decline for years without meeting lower escapement goals. With Ayakulik River kings now being considered a Stock of Concern, it is now more than ever imperative to protect this species by all conservation means possible. Provisions of Closed Waters 5 AAC 39.290 should be applied to the Ayakulik River where a mixed stock fishery exist. Having the Ayakulik River terminus "CORKED" by commercial fishing boats should NOT be permitted at this time! Any king salmon caught and released during the commercial fishery at the mouth of the Ayakulik River is simply caught again within another seine net adding to the mortality risk and rate. Applying Closed Waters 5 ACC 39.290 is nothing new to the Ayakulik River. Provisions of Boundary Markers closing the river within 500 yards of the stream terminus once applied to this river system until 2011. Alaska Department of Fish and Game has weir personnel on the Ayakulik River late May until early September. Boundary markers could be placed and manned by personnel. With modern technology available now on the remote Ayakulik River, GPS coordinates could also be "called or texted in" with the Closed Water boundaries as the Ayakulik River mouth is sometimes known to move because of weather patterns. I thank the Board of Fisheries in advance for taking into account all possible conservation measures available for protecting a Stock of Concern candidate of the WILD Ayakulik River king salmon. Regards, Amy Fredette



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**RE: PROPOSAL 74 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15**

The fish should have a fair chance to make it into the stream. I support having a buffer zone around most major river systems.



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, AK



## RE: PROPOSAL 75 Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose this proposal. This could damage the system due to escapement. Management uses this area as a tool to avoid over escapement.



## RE: PROPOSAL 75 Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 63. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



## RE: PROPOSAL 75 Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River

This proposal would limit the department's ability to manage the Ayakulik River and prevent over-escapement. I support the Kodiak Salmon Management Plan as it is currently written.



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife, three children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. I also owned and operated the F/V Kelly Girl for the last nine years. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, AK



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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am William Roth, Captian of the F/V Sea Chantey. I own a Kodiak seine permit and have been fishing it for the lasat 5 years as well as working as crew since 2010, I rely mostly on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

William and Kaytlen Roth  
F/V Sea Chantey  
PO BOX 1230  
Homer AK  
99603



## RE: PROPOSAL 75 Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River

I support proposal #75 to have Boundary Markers placed at the Ayakulik River terminus to set a 500 yard set back for commercial fishing. With the Ayakulik River king salmon being considered for a Stock of Concern, it is now more than imperative to apply all conservation measures available to help protect this ever declining species. Applying provisions of 5 ACC 39.290 Closed Waters to the terminus of the Ayakulik River should be implemented where there is a Mixed Stock Fishery to reduce the risk and rate of Incidental Mortality upon king salmon. Boundary Markers did exist at the Ayakulik River until 2011. Alaska Department of Fish and Game weir personnel are present on the Ayakulik River late May into early September. Boundary Markers could be placed and manned. With modern technology now available on the remote Ayakulik River, GPS coordinates could also be "called or texted in" to mark the boundaries as the Ayakulik River mouth can be known to move because of weather patterns. I thank to Board of Fisheries in advance for taking into consideration ALL conservation measures available in protecting a Stock of Concern candidate of the WILD Ayakulik River king salmon. Thank You and Regards Amy Fredette



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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for preventing over-escapement of the Karluk system which is distinct from Central Section. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July.

I ask that the Board reject this proposal.

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, AK



## RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. This proposal would limit management's ability to manage the Karluk system without affecting other systems in the area. It could negatively impact chum, coho and pink salmon stocks in the area. That is why I oppose proposal 76.



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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposals 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Chris Johnson and I am a second-generation fisherman in Kodiak, Alaska. I grew up fishing on my dad's boat and got my first crew job working for someone else two weeks after I graduated high school. I haven't missed a salmon season since. I bought into the fishing industry in 2011 with the purchase of a 25-foot jig boat that I worked for two years in the winter and spring months while I still crewed for salmon in the summer. Access to the jig fisheries focusing on cod and rockfish was the only way that I could afford to move into the salmon fleet with a 38-footer in 2013. After the recent cod collapse, I now primarily rely on salmon seining and live here year-round with my wife.

I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for curtailing overescapement of the Karluk system. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July.

Taking away any fishing opportunity from Kodiak fishermen, particularly from the small boat fleet, would have a direct negative impact on new entrants trying to gain a foothold in this industry, fishing families trying to get by, and fishing support businesses in our region. I'm proud to call Kodiak home and am working to protect our fishing way of life.

Sincerely,  
Chris Johnson  
F/V North Star



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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Danielle Ringer and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposals before the Board in writing and in person for the Kodiak finfish meeting. I live in Kodiak with my husband and we own and operate the 38-foot F/V North Star. We chiefly rely on salmon seining and cod and rockfish jigging to maintain our fishing way of life and ability to live on Kodiak Island. I grew up in Homer learning to harvest and process fish from my parents in Kachemak Bay and dipnetting on the Kenai River. I hold a Master's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Political Ecology of Fisheries and was one of the researchers on the *Graying of the Fleet in Alaska's Fisheries: Defining the Problem and Assessing Alternatives* study in the Kodiak region.

I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for curtailing overescapement of the Karluk system. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July.

I see no biological, scientific, historical, economic, nor sociocultural reasons that could justify the Board making any changes to the salmon management plans in the Kodiak Management Area, which would create ripple effects negatively impacting Kodiak fishermen, processing workers, and community businesses. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and I look forward Board of Fisheries members spending time in our fishing community during the Kodiak meeting.

I humbly request the Board to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Ringer, M.A.  
F/V North Star



## RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order

This proposal takes away the department's ability to terminally manage the Karluk system, which is one of the only salmon systems in the Kodiak management that can be effectively managed at the terminus. If Karluk runs are strong, but other NW section runs are weak then the department should be allowed to open the Inner and Outer Karluk section without being required to also open the Central Section. In this scenario, opening the Central Section would put those depleted stocks at risk. This is a very dangerous proposal and it should be rejected.



Fred Stager

F/V Lady Lu

December 12, 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section

P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**RE: Opposition to Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish Members:

I'm writing to ask you to **reject proposal 76**, which calls for Outer Karluk and the entire Central Section to be open when the Inner Karluk Section is opened. This proposal is a biological disaster, it handcuffs ADFG from managing over escapement into the Karluk system while encouraging excessive harvest on early pink and chum runs. **Please reject proposal 76.** Thank You – Fred Stager



**RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 76. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



**RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order**

I have been intimately involved in the Kodiak seine fishery since 1968 to present. Presently my son is fishing the Kodiak area and it is my desire to have my grandsons be able to participate in a healthy Kodiak fishery if they so desire. Throughout my career I have come to the conclusion that the ADF&G management for Kodiak has been stellar and has kept the stocks in Kodiak healthy overall with the current management plan. Opening just Inner Karluk enables the dept to manage excess sockeye and still protect early chums and pinks in early July in the central district. please oppose proposal 76. thank you.



**RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order**

Let the department do their jobs. Because sometimes too many fish can school up in front of the lagoon and they would be unable to manage the system properly.



Nicholas Hoffman  
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12/24/19

Chairman Reed Moriskey  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Board Support Section  
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**RE: Oppose Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Moriskey and Board of Fish members:

I'm a young Kodiak salmon fisherman. I have been running a seine boat since 2011 as well as participating in Kodiak halibut, sea cucumber, cod jig, and tanner crab fisheries. I respectfully request the Board reject Proposal 76.

Opening the Inner Karluk Section is a key management tactic to prevent over-escapement into the Karluk River and is a river specific opener. It doesn't necessarily mean there are strong runs in the rest of the West Side. Forcing the department to open the Central and Outer Karluk sections concurrently could pose a conservation issue to river systems in the Central Section.

I see no reason for the Board to make any changes to the Kodiak Salmon Management plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals and the chance for my voice to be heard. I look forward to the Board of Fish members getting to spend time in Kodiak and learn more about our town and fishing community.

**I humbly request the Board reject Proposal 76.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas Hoffman  
F/V Relentless



## RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order

I was involved with the change to the management plan in 2017 along with set netter Duncan Fields and the area biologist. The previous language practically guaranteed over escapement on a strong early run sockeye return to Karluk. The new language allowed opening inner Karluk to seining when the mid point goal was assured to be met. After that point managers were unlikely to close the central section where the set netters fish until central section management switches to pink salmon management on the 6th of July. The first central section pink opening varies from 57 hours to 105 hours. That leaves a short window up to the 15th of July that seining might be allowed in Inner Karluk when the sockeye escapement is near or over the escapement goal for the early run. When I started fishing in the later 1960's, if what is now the central section was open to fishing, seiners could fish in inner Karluk. Recently seining in inner Karluk is often closed when the central section is open. The extra conservation burden placed on seiners in their traditional fishing area of inner Karluk should be rewarded when there is finally fish to be caught beyond escapement needs.



December 25, 2019

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**Re: Opposition to Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Richard Roth, Kodiak salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife Three Children and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Tzar. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for preventing over-escapement of the Karluk system which is distinct from Central Section. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July.

I ask that the Board reject this proposal.

Richard, Amanda, Stephanie, Noah, and Ranger Roth  
F/V Sea Tzar  
Homer, AK



**RE: PROPOSAL 76 Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order**

December 25, 2019 Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 Re: Opposition to Proposal 76 Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members, I am Steve Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Sea Grace. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures. ? I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for preventing over-escapement of the Karluk system which is distinct from Central Section. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July. I ask that the Board reject this proposal. Steve and Jenny Roth F/V Sea Grace Homer, AK



December 25, 2019

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Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Re: Opposition to Proposal 76**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am William Roth, Captian of the F/V Sea Chantey. I own a Kodiak seine permit and have been fishing it for the lasat 5 years as well as working as crew since 2010, I rely mostly on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose this proposal because it would be taking away an important management tool from ADF&G staff for preventing over-escapement of the Karluk system which is distinct from Central Section. Inner Karluk provides management the ability to harvest excess sockeye when the upper escapement goal has been met and still keep the Central Section closed during the first few pink and chum openers in July.

I ask that the Board reject this proposal.

William and Kaytlen Roth  
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December 25, 2019

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**Re: Opposition to Proposals 73, 74, 75, and 77**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am Alex Roth, Kodiak and Lower Cook Inlet salmon purse seine permit holder. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Kodiak finfish meeting. My wife and I reside in Homer, but fish in Kodiak. I own and operate the F/V Wandering Star. We rely solely on salmon seining for our livelihood and annual income to support our business, our family and contribute to our Alaskan economy through business and personal expenditures.

I oppose the following proposals (73, 74, 75, and 77) because I support the current management plan as written. Chinook are not a target species for commercial fishermen, there is already a non-retention policy for fish exceeding 28 inches

I ask that the Board reject these proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alex and Jaime Roth  
F/V Wandering Star  
Homer, AK



## RE: PROPOSAL 77 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing September 1–October 31

My name is Brian Mcwethy. I was born and raised in Kodiak. I live in Kodiak with my family and we all depend on my income. I fished with my father on his seiner growing up and now I own and operate a seiner. Salmon seining and Tanner crab fishing in Kodiak are currently our only sources of income. I plan to try and continue to fish the Kodiak waters and possibly my children will have the opportunity to. I hope the current and historical areas we fish aren't taken from us and the future generations of Kodiak. I oppose proposal 77. This would reduce management's ability to stop over-exploiting this system.



December 22, 2019  
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RE: **Oppose Proposal 77**

The members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I'm writing in **opposition to proposal 77**, which would establish closed waters in the vicinity of the Ayakulik river during September. September openers in the inner Ayakulik are extremely rare and would only occur if there is observed abundance of coho and high weir counts. In the event that such an abundance exists, then there should be opportunities to harvest them. Although unusual, large coho harvests have occurred in the Inner Ayakulik Section, and they should be allowed to occur in the future. Current management practices are sufficient and additional safeguards are unwarranted.

I'm a resident of Kodiak and the owner/operator of a 42-foot commercial fishing vessel. I participate in the local salmon, tanner crab, and herring fisheries.

Thank you,  
Darren Platt



**RE: PROPOSAL 77 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing September 1–October 31**

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish members: I am 31 years old and a life long resident of Kodiak. I grew up set netting in Uganik on the west side of the island with my mother until i was 14. I then started seining with my father until I was able to buy my own Kodiak seine operational the age of 27. Please oppose proposal 77. thank you for your time sincerely  
Iver Holm



**RE: PROPOSAL 77 Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing September 1–October 31**

This one should be left up to the department. To determine whether or not the river gets overescaped.