

RC for 164-169

And nearly all other proposals pertaining to Cook Inlet  
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I spoke to Cook Inlet Beluga Riverine usage in committee of the whole in regards motorized boat traffic. I want to clarify that my "new information" was not intended to malign boat traffic. I know nothing of the issue of motorized boats as they pertain to the Kenai.

For this reason, the timing seemed a little awkward. But, I had spoken with several individuals briefly at the meeting and we felt it might be an important issue to at least bring up as pertaining to future Cook Inlet Management.

The issue sparked in my mind in discussion of motorized boats, because when I first met the biologist conducting surveys on the Kenai River, she was monitoring Beluga movement up near Cunningham Park in May I think. As I understood the general idea was that Belugas are frequently in the river in early spring/summer and may be displaced as motorized traffic increases.



I do not know what, if any studies may still be ongoing in the Kenai River or Cook Inlet. To prepare this RC I contacted the biologist I know and she is now stationed on the Beaufort Sea and she has shared an email address should the Board have any questions. Klovitz@gmail.com

Regarding Belugas, I have no idea, how, or if anything in the way these fisheries are managed or prosecuted will ever need be addressed.

It is a concern of mine that an "unknown" around Belugas could be weaponized so to speak for issues specifically like in-river habitat or the critter's food supply.

But going back to the original proposals regarding boat traffic. Without having the specific proposals before me I don't know what the issues might be.

Regarding Belugas, I don't know what issues might be, which is why it seems very prudent to be aware of and possibly engaging with these Beluga Studies, out of consideration of the Belugas, respect of possible Federal oversight and to have strong control, deterrence over possible bad intentions.