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An earlier proposal was rejected by a member who said ‘in times of uncertainty we must err on the side of conservation’. In attempts to solve something before it becomes a chronic problem, I would like to direct your attention to actions being taken across the state, by regulatory agencies, to preserve our fish:

ADFG bans subsistence fishing on Yukon

<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2021/10/09/yukon-river-salmon-shortage-hurts-subsistence-fishing-communities-alaska/>

Alaska lawmakers put politics aside to protect fisheries

http://www.sitnews.us/LaineWelch/112621_fish_factor.html

BLM, ADFG, US Fish and Wildlife, and US Forestry department opposed to Federal Subsistence permit on Kenai River

<https://www.peninsulaclarion.com/news/federal-board-allows-gillnetting-on-the-kenai-kasilof-rivers/>

Bering Sea King crab canceled 2021

Snow crab fishery cut back 88% of harvest limit

<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2021/10/09/alaska-snow-crab-harvest-slashed-by-nearly-90-after-population-crash-in-a-warming-bering-sea/>

Our oceans and streams are interrelated and the above losses have cumulative repercussions. Copper River chinook are in peril. Up-river users, from Gakona to Slana, have not gotten their fish 13 of the last 15 years (RC 062). Gulkana hatchery no longer achieves broodstock for the salmon enhancement program. No tributaries in the watershed are accounted for, nor are the spawning grounds.

These are times of uncertainty. Until a positive shift is seen, it is imperative to “err on the side of conservation” as previously stated by a board member. Supporting Proposal 7 would be a step in protecting this entire watershed from the unknown complexities of the future.

Thank you