Proposal 256 (Formerly ACR 9) Support with Modification

Dear Chairman Wood and Members of the Board of Fisheries,

The signatories below are all year-round residents of Togiak. At the last Bristol Bay Finfish Board of Fisheries meeting, we were in support of proposal 29 as amended, and the current regulatory language found in 5 AAC 67.022. It was, and still is abundantly clear that measures need to be taken to protect king salmon in the Togiak River drainage. That being said, we understand why the board decided to take up Proposal 256 (formerly ACR 9) at this meeting. We are in support of Proposal 256 with the modifications recommended by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. We believe these modifications will make the regulation easy to enforce as "roe" will be difficult to define in regulation, and prohibiting the use of all bait from May 1 to July 31 downstream of Geshiak Creek, and from May 1 to August 31 in the remainder of the Togiak River drainage will provide clear regulatory language for enforcement. Furthermore, it is difficult, if not impossible in some cases for enforcement to determine which type of fish species an angler is targeting, making the date range for the prohibition of bait ever more important.

Also, these modifications help to address the concerns in Proposal 256 by allowing the use of bait downstream of Geshiak Creek while sockeye and coho salmon runs are still strong, and most of the kings have passed. We believe the recommendations by ADF&G for Proposal 256 are a good compromise to all user groups and meet the original intent of protecting king salmon in the Togiak River drainage.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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