WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries believes it desirable to avoid economic and social disruption of existing fisheries; and

WHEREAS, reallocation of harvests between user groups in an unplanned fashion may cause such disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the unlimited hand troll fishery in Southeastern Alaska has been taking an increasing proportion of the total coho harvest at the expense of subsistence fisheries, recreational fisheries, and other commercial fisheries already limited; and

WHEREAS, the Board in the public hearing process has determined that the hand troll fleet should not continue to increase its proportion of the power troll/hand troll coho catch; and

WHEREAS, the catch proportion in recent years between the hand troll gear and power troll gear has been determined to be approximately 80 percent for power troll gear and 20 percent for hand troll gear; and

WHEREAS, this relative catch has in the past allowed fisheries to occur without socially and economically disruptive reallocation; and

WHEREAS, this relative catch in past years has been demonstrated to promote biological protection of the resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it shall be the Board's provisional policy to design a regulatory coho harvest allocation in Southeastern Alaska which will result in approximately 80 percent of the coho troll catch for power troll gear and 20 percent of the coho troll catch for hand troll gear.

Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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