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Alaska Board of Game

March 22, 2025 Meeting at Egan Center

Re: Homer AC vote and comments on Proposal 86

Thank you for your time. It appears that our Homer AC vote and comments on Proposal 86 are missing. This RC will serve as written notification of such

The Homer AC took up Proposal 86 at our December meeting.

Proposal 86 asks the Board to institute a mandatory reporting regimen for sea duck harvests. The Homer AC thought the proposer has written an intelligent piece and backs it well. There is a citizen science effort in Kachemak Bay that has been running for 3 years now, attempting to provide an idea of sea duck population trends in the absence of Department data. Some of our members are participating in this effort, known as the Kachemak Bay Citizen Science Sea Duck Survey, that note declines in particular sea duck populations. The proposer suggests perhaps using the Washington State codified language that you can see in the proposal. The AC supported this proposal but amended her suggested language to strike the word “immediately” by an amendment vote of 8-2-1. The vote on the amended proposal was 9-2-0 in support. Those in favor felt that increased harvest data to supplement the random duck hunter survey would benefit management of the birds. Those opposed felt that there was not significant enough apparent decline to warrant mandated harvest records.

Submitted by D. Malone on behalf of the Homer AC