

## The Kenai King fishery debate

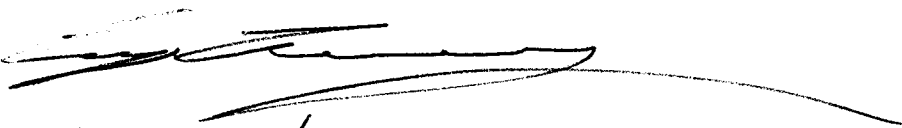
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Sirs,

I am an Alaskan, born and raised. I would like to share with you what I think makes Alaska so great...the land, the waters, and the wildlife. We, you, have an opportunity to preserve a portion of that uniqueness, grandness...the Kenai King Salmon. I have caught only one in my life, a few years ago on a friends boat on the lower Kenai...it was beautiful. My request is not being made so that I, personally, can catch another...no, I like knowing they are there. It is a special feeling when someone tells of this great fish and their experience with it. I remember my Dad telling me as we fished for Sockeye from the shore that "across the river over there on that point is where the second largest ever King was landed from a boat!" I think a lot of others feel the same way...not just in Alaska or even the USA, but world wide. If others can enjoy catching this great salmon, commercial or sport, that is okay with me to as long as the pursuit of that does not become the demise of this specie in this body of water. It should and would be to our shame to let the ugliness of capitalism or greed and the politics they influence destroy this symbol of Alaskan stature. Please ensure the uniqueness of this great State by protecting what cannot protect itself. We all need to be a part of this solution, an equal part.

Thank-you,

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