

Submitted by Central Peninsula Advisory Committee, David Martin, Chair

Opposing Proposal 79 and any supporting RCs:

In the early 1990s Sergeant Cockrell, now Colonel Cockrell, of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, and myself, sat down together and wrote the current regulations for the area referenced in Proposal 79 and RC 256. Our purpose was to address an un-orderly, confusing and unworkable definition of the fishing distance from the terminus of any anadromous fish stream at mean lower low water for the benefit of enforcement and the fishermen. The current language in regulation solved the issues. To change the language at this time would be arbitrary.

Changing the carefully considered language would re-create an un-orderly fishery and virtually eliminate a traditional, low-volume, low-participation commercial fishery that is important and is only prosecuted for 2 twelve-hour periods per week (Monday and Thursday). Currently there is 24/7 opportunity for sportfishing in this area on abundant resources.