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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

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Alaska Board of Fisheries
Board Support Section
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RE: Cook Inlet Regulatory Meeting 01.31- 02.13/14

Support for a Board Generated Proposal , RC 179, RC227

Chairman Karl Johnstone,


SOKI requests the Board of Fish to review the management plan changes to 5 AAC 21.359 Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan as related to the adoption of proposal 209 as amended through RC 155.

We are concerned that any consideration requires thorough and methodical review and should include step down measures as suggested in RC 179 & RC 227 and other RC's submitted at this meeting.

RC 155 specified hourly changes in (b) (3) (A) (ii) (iii) (B) do not allow an orderly fishery and need to be more adaptable to the in season conditions. Specifically, a fishery cannot survive on one 12 hour period per week. This is an egregious restriction and does not allow any consideration for gear restrictions step down measures in the current language.

We strongly support integrating the two main stocks of sockeye returning to the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers be managed for abundance and harvest opportunity for the historical and traditional harvesters in time and area.

Thank you,


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Spokesperson