

Chairman Kluberton and the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Writing on behalf of the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee, I submit this RC in opposition of proposal 203. The AC unanimously opposed this proposal, based largely on the information provided from our sport fish area management biologist. He provided the AC with the following map, suggesting that enacting an EO to close the Special Harvest Areas to sport fishing to reach cost-recovery goals would close all the areas. There was also mention that if a hatchery was conducting cost-recovery for chum salmon for example, the EO authority would close sport fishing for all salmon species, not just chum.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me before Board deliberations.

Sincerely,

Jessica Gill
Secretary
Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee

