

Hi Mr. Jensen,

I am ccing the Borough Manager Jon Erickson and Representative Louise Stutes on this email. I was informed today that the Board of Fish took action today regarding the Tsiu River confining the commercial fishery to only half of the river when open. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Several years ago this same issue was trying to be pushed through at the BOF meeting in Ketchikan and we had it brought back for reconsideration. Part of the agreement was that the City and Borough of Yakutat would create a coalition of all user groups at the Tsiu to be managed by the Borough and deal with issues at the Tsiu. I spearheaded the Tsiu River Stakeholders Coalition which was created at the City and Borough of Yakutat's attorneys office in Anchorage and included all of the lodge owners at the Tsiu [REDACTED], the City and Borough of Yakutat, ADFG, Commercial fisherman, processors and the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. This was all cleared through the Board of Fish with the understanding that the Borough would provide a police presence at the Tsiu to alleviate user conflict and concerns of all user groups and that there would be a yearly meeting at the Tsiu of all stakeholders. The BOF stipulations have been complied with every year since. The Borough has been the governing body to make sure this has all happened and it has. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There was no notification to the City and Borough of Yakutat, the Tsiu River Stakeholders committee or anybody in Yakutat other than the people who happened to be in Sitka. As the person who spearheaded this group to give all stakeholders an opportunity to discuss and resolve conflicts on a local level, I find this very concerning. I am sure if any of us in the group who have worked very hard and the City & Borough of Yakutat that has invested upwards of \$100K over the last few years to establish a police presence and facilitate user group conflict resolution had known this type of decision would be made out of cycles we could have made arrangements to be in Sitka to testify to the Board of Fish. The proposal in front of the Board of Fish was a house keeping proposal not a allocation of fishing area proposal and contradicts the agreement between the Tsiu Stakeholders, CBY and BOF. We are all looking forward to a explanation and a resolution to this issue which should have never been a issue. Thank you for your time.

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