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### RC for proposal 80-87 in response to SEAGOS PC 642

I'd like to offer the following two amendments that tie together conceptual ideas from Proposals 80-87 on Southeast Alaska sport and commercial King Salmon management which are based on the new 2019 Treaty Agreement.

#### The Amendment

- 1) Increase the troll harvest ceiling to 85% of the combined troll/sport allocation in Tiers 2-4 (Tiers h-f). Leaving sports with 15%.
- 2) All gear groups must have in season management and manage to a harvest cap.

#### Reasons for this amendment.

- 1) Treaty Pay-back clause doesn't allow Alaska to go over annual allocation.
- 2) Since 2018 and the advent of Stocks of Concern (SOC) Sports have not caught their quota. The Sport underage varied from a minus 7318 Chinook to a minus 1396.
- 2) Since 2018, when SOC management was introduced, Sports averaged 17.5% of the Sport/Troll allocation and troll averaged 82%
- 3) Since the new Treaty Agreement in 2019 the sports average harvest was 18% and Troll averaged 83%
- 4) Since SOC Sport doesn't seem capable of harvesting their 20% why are they asking for more? We're asking for more because it's important to catch all of Alaska's quota.

#### History

- 1) Trollers are incredulous that SEAGO is asking for more fish in light of their inability to catch their current allocation.
- 2) During the years leading up to the 2019 Treaty Agreement SEAGO's President and Vice-President were on the Alaska Northern Panel Treaty Team. They negotiated the 7 and ½ % reduction in allocation and pay-back language (a 13.2% decline in the ADF&G baseline harvest [McDowell 12/2019]) . Meanwhile Trollers were demonstrating on the streets of SEAK demanding

8% more fish for Alaska at the next treaty negotiation. 8% is the equivalent of half of the 15% Alaska gave up in the 2008 Agreement.

3) In 1998, the original Treaty iteration promised Alaska more fish in the future as the Federally funded hatcheries ramped up. 189,419 adult Chinook returned to the Bonneville dam in 1995. In 2015 a record 1,337,101 returned. Why is SEAGO not fighting for more fish at the Treaty negotiations instead of attempting to rob resident long-time harvesters?

4) Today the Columbia and Snake River hatcheries are successful comprising a large portion of the SEAK harvest.

5) In 1994 the BOF changed the sports and troll allocation from 17/83% to 20/80%. At the time it was agreed that this provided plenty of fish for sports. It was understood that sports would no longer ask for more.

Pitting SEAK anglers against each other is unhealthy and represents a failure from the state of Alaska. Why is the BOF supporting this? A more promising strategy would be SEAGO joining ATA in supporting Alaska residents and demanding our historic fair share of fish from the lower 48.

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