

John Murray in support of Proposal 144

For the Board's information: from ADF&G Staff Oral Presentation Alaska Board of Fisheries. RC 3 - Tab 16 page 5.

Tools for Estimating Sport Fish Harvest.

- Statewide Harvest Survey
 - Comprehensive and includes responses from a large number of respondents. However, data is not available until one year after the season.

My comments:

Harvest survey - 10-15% of license holders are surveyed with the response of 35-40%.

- Southeast Marine Boat Harvest Study - creel
 - Provides inseason information and collects biological samples (including CWTs and genetic samples.)

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The creel information is 18% of the total anglers sampled.

In closing: I ask you to support this proposal as a way to gather more data on fully allocated species such as King salmon and halibut, that is the minimum. This should apply to non-resident rental boat users. The part that wasn't brought up during discussion of Proposal 144 this afternoon was the need to create Vessel Registration. Currently, ADF&G sport does not even know how many vessels are being used as rental vessels. These are the two important things to discuss during deliberations.

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