

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Board Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

3/10/2022

Subject: Letter of Support for Proposal 282

Dear Chairman and Board Members,

It is well known that the fish caught in the Chignik River are some of the finest in the state of Alaska. In the last 4 years the early run sockeye escapement goals have not been met. That is the lowest level of escapement have not been met. In 2020 the unthinkable happened that the entire run failed. That not one fisherman was allowed to catch one single fish. NONE! The City of Chignik depends on fish revenue either from a landing tax or a processing tax to survive. For this to happen there must be fish to catch, and for there to be fish to catch they must make it to the river to spawn. With the fisheries on both sides of Chignik fishing the fish can not get back to where they were spawned.

Proposal 282 is a reasonable solution to help to try to reach the goal of the fish returning to the river. It is to the benefit of all parties concerned that this valuable resource is preserved for everyone. Without this resource the City of Chignik can not survive.

With consideration to the residents of the City of Chignik, the Chignik permit holders and nature itself we would ask the board to approve Proposal 282 for the survival of this valuable natural resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Carpenter" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Carpenter

Mayor, City of Chignik

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Dannica Anderson 3-10-21

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