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Today I talked with Mr. Jeromy Jordan, with the National Marine Fisheries Service, about sport trolling for mixed king salmon stock in Kachemak Bay. He was familiar with the area and was aware that we catch some kings in our waters. I told him about conversations I had years ago with the Pacific Salmon Commissioners about the impacts of the fish we catch. He thought the attitude has not changed. They recognize grazing rights in our bay, there is no commercial troll fishery here, we are out of Treaty jurisdiction, and the Committee has always viewed Cook Inlet as insignificant.

He stated that the Board would have to:

1. Show the data that indicated we were targeting any run that was of concern.
2. He said they default to logic, and that we are outside the Pacific Management Treaty. The reason is because "we have already determined you have no impact on the salmon fishery". He went on to say, "You are not part of any sharing agreement."
3. I indicted we were at the back of the Pasture. He said, "No, you're not even in the pasture. I consider Cordova east to be the area of concern and Cordova is really the back of the pasture."
4. He also expressed appreciation for the tag recovery data we provide.

Mr. Jordan said he would be glad to discuss this with any of the Board if they wished to call him.

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