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 John Jensen  
 Chairman, Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Mr. Jensen,

*The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association recommends the following language to repeal and replace restrictions in 5 AAC 21.359 Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.*

In order to maintain a minimum escapement goal of 13,500 **Large** Kenai River Late-Run Kenai King Salmon, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game may, in conjunction with 5 AAC 21.360 Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan:

In the commercial ESSN fishery;

Tier 1: Establish and maintain weekly regular periods plus an additional 12 to 24 hours EO time

Tier 2: Establish and maintain weekly regular periods plus an additional 24 to 36 hours EO time

Tier 3: Establish and maintain weekly regular periods plus an additional 36 to 48 hours EO time

This plan would effectively delete;

(a) ...stocks primarily for sport and guided sport uses in order...

(e) ...late-run **large**... , [22,500] **13,500**

(e) (3)

(f)

We believe these recommendations represent an equitable adjustment to the restrictions put in place during the 2014 Upper Cook Inlet regulatory meeting. These actions protect the king run while giving the division of commercial fisheries the latitude to manage the ESSN for sockeye harvest. This also may allow the division of sport fisheries to manage the harvest of kings in-river in a manner that is independent and flexible without unduly impacting the ESSN commercial sockeye harvest opportunity.

Thank you

Andy Hall President

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