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To:

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Re: proposal 116 Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Chairman John Jensen,

The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association (KPFA) **Support 116.**

We agree with the justification suggestion that "...simplifying the management plan by removing the OEG from regulation."

KPFA agrees with the department in its efforts throughout the Cook Inlet proposal book to simplify and standardize regulations which would include management plans. We believe that a system that supports "*in season*" management by allowing fisheries managers the options to liberalize or restrict as required to meet the escapement goals is the best way to ensure sustainability and equitability.

We suggest these modifications: **5 AAC 21.360 Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan**

(b) (1) DELETE: [meet an escapement goal (OEG) range of 700,000 – 1,400,000 late-run sockeye salmon;]

(3) AMEND: distribute the escapement of sockeye salmon evenly within the SEG [OEG] range, in proportion to the size of the run.

KPFA directors are available to discuss their support of this proposal at board member's convenience.

We thank you,

Andy Hall - President