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Board Support Section  
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**RE: Support for continued closures of sport fishing for chinook (king) salmon on the Chuitna River.**

Members of the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Tyonek Native Corporation in conjunction with The Native Village of Tyonek write to you in support of continued closures for sport fishing of Chinook salmon within the Chuitna River. We do not believe that the current stocks of Chinook salmon in the Chuitna River can yet sustain sport fishing activities. The effects of the flooding events of 2012 and 2013 will just begin to show in Chinook return numbers. It is uncertain at this point whether the returning stocks for 2017 will be current normal returns for the Chuitna River, or a drastic decline.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments and look forward to the day the Chuitna River has sustainable returns of Chinook salmon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leo Barlow".

Leo Barlow, Chief Executive Officer  
Tyonek Native Corporation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur Standifer".

Arthur Standifer, President  
Native Village of Tyonek