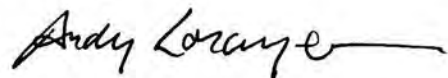


Based on recent Board action resulting from the collaborative efforts among user group organizations to achieve conservation of Kenai River early-run Chinook Salmon as contained in RC 202, the US Fish and Wildlife Service respectfully requests the withdrawal of proposal 159.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Loranger" followed by a horizontal flourish.

Andy Loranger,

Refuge Manager

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge