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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
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MR. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

MY NAME IS DIANNE DUBUC. I AM VICE CHAIR OF THE SEWARD FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MY PERSONAL COMMENTS TODAY ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE REFORMATION OF THE HATCHERY COMMITTEE AS ONE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE REGULATORY PROCESS SINCE 2000. I BECAME INTERESTED IN CIAA FIRST IN 2004 AS THE RESULT OF A PROPOSAL THEY SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD DURING THE LCI CYCLE.

THROUGH THE INTERVENING YEARS MY INTEREST IN CIAA AND THEIR HATCHERY PROGRAM HAS NOT WAIVERED. I HAVE LISTENED IN TO MEETINGS OF THE RPT ON A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. WHEN I HAVE LISTENED IN, IT APPEARED TO ME THAT THE DEPT WAS BASICALLY RUBBER STAMPING THE WISHES OF CIAA,

IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT THE RPT PROCESS NEEDS TO BE FINE-TUNED TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT TO THE PROCESS. A PORTION OF THE HATCHERIES INCOME IS DERIVED FROM PUBLIC FUNDS AND THEREFORE THERE SHOULD BE A HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.

I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT HAVING A STAND-ALONE HATCHERY COMMITTEE WOULD ALLOW A MUCH NEEDED LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT FOR A SYSTEM THAT SEEMS TO BE BADLY IN NEED OF A FIX AS MANY MEETINGS IN THE PAST HAVE ALLUDED TO. THE MOST RECENT BEING THE 2016 STATEWIDE FINFISH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

DIANNE M. DUBUC