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Mr. Payton,

I have been encouraged to write you on the increased fishing pressure for rainbow trout on the Naknek River. It has come to my attention the Board of Fish has little or no input from private fishermen.

I have lived in Alaska for 13 years and reside in Anchorage, AK. About 5 years ago, I purchased a cabin in King Salmon, AK. I have enjoyed sport fishing all over the state and would like to see sport fishing remain viable for generations.

Sport fishing pressure on the Naknek River trout fishery has skyrocketed. If the current practice and regulation continue, we will no longer have a world renowned rainbow trout fishery. Although, I do not have actual data on the number of registered guides on the river. I have personally counted 40-50 boats on the river on any given day. The river only offers about 5 miles and about 14 spots to fish for rainbow trout. With the added pressure and lack of action, the sustainment of this spectacular resource will not continue.

In 2018, I attended and A Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting. All present, agreed something needs to be done. We need to **take action immediately** to ensure this and many other sport fisheries in the region remain viable for generations to come. Please let me know how I can be of any help in this matter.

Respectfully,

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