

Att. Board of Fish.

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I authored proposal 87: In summary I've been monitoring the board meeting. I've sent over 108 letters to the board of fish. Letter with impossible numbers to imagine. Somewhat maybe true numbers, or maybe not. You have heard numbers till, I'm sure your head would explode. My point is no one really counts fish. Total fish caught dip netting on the Kenai and Kasiolf Shipcreek. I'm talking 5 species of fish up both rivers. But numbers are not the point of proposal 87. The last two days, you heard a fisherman from Kodiak say the dipnet fishery will probably ruin Kodiaks fishery along with the Kenai, and even Prince William Sound. You heard the mayor of Kenai say, the effort involved with this fishery, the town not getting enough to pay for the mess. He stated the sun is not really there. He told the bof; (you folks), was the one that started the dipnet fishery, and still to this day, 30 years later it's still going.

Today you hearing a silent plea from everyone, at the board of fish meetings. To stop this practice of dipnet fishing. I don't know if you're catching it, but there all saying it in different ways. But also today came out the words create more opportunities. You Know! There was an oil spill disaster going on in 1989, a disaster. And a new creation itself just immerged. The B.O.F. Well the mayor of Kenai said it. Dipnet fishery was started by the board of fish. You started it. And you can end it. You started it, without sound science, or any legal for thought. Look at all the wasted time, energy, and politic it cost, the fish. You must stop it. It is the sole reason the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet fishery, is about destroyed. Imagine the word opportunities, more opportunities. When you give I say 7 million fish, to completely new fishery. And then take that same number of fish away from the commercial fishery.

It makes me sick to my stomach. To hear those words. You took according to the most likely number of 500 thousand 1 million fish of the, Business of commercial fishing. I still believe Rich Cook number of 110,000 people come from Anchorage, Alaska and they take 35 fish a piece, off the Kenai River. Or 3.5 million fish.

I heard also, Bob Penny remind you, the state legislature, gave the B.O.F their job. And he reminded you, that your job was to allocate fish. So the legislature did not have to do that job. And Bob Penny wasted no time. Reminding you who you work for, and he meant him.

You all seen my letters, you must not believe the letter or want to read it. I want to stress, Alaska broke, and the state has no money. These fish were a resource given away by you. The B.O.F. Regardless, even though you did t, and you yourselves ruined a 100 million dollar fishery, you're the only one that can fix it.

By stopping the dipnet fishery, more fish to be harvested, and more fish to balance the budget, who knows maybe Kenai could have a bowling alley again. The B.O.F, (you guys), have broken the Kenai Peninsula, and the message today, is you're going to break Kodiak, and Prince William Sound.

This one politician didn't do. It was the doing of the board of fish, and you need to fix it. The dipnet fishery created more opportunity. But ZERO income to the city, state, or stakeholder. That's the disaster we're in.