

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Resolution in Support of Habitat Intervention for Black Lake

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WHEREAS, the health of the environment and habitat for fish is critical to productivity and sustained yield and generational success of all fish stocks, and

WHEREAS, attention to habitat improvement or restoration can have a critical impact upon localized salmon stock wellbeing, and

WHEREAS, natural events have drastically altered the smolt-rearing habitat of Black Lake near Chignik, a condition that may be correctable through intervention,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board Fisheries strongly supports habitat interventions and urges the Alaska State Legislature to annually address habitat interventions using resource infrastructure investments in their capital projects budget,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an excellent candidate would be Black Lake, in the Chignik Management Area, where runs have declined by over 50 percent in recent years due to failures in the smolt-rearing habitat that may be correctable by habitat intervention.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2008



Mel Morris, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed