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Dear Representative Johnson:

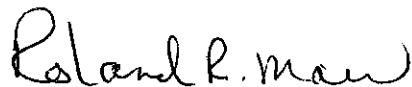
In the Joint Resolution that created the Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force, there are several allegations made concerning salmon escapements, professional performance of the Administration, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and ethical lapses by the Board of Fish (BOF). Additionally, in the Joint Resolution there are several concerns expressed about the need for comprehensive management strategies and biological data needs. We, as an Association, feel it necessary for all members of the Task Force to read, review and analyze the public record created at the 2008 Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) BOF hearings. We fully expect the Task Force to fully review the proposals, public testimony, staff reports, written and verbal, power point presentations, committee reports, advisory committee comments and deliberations. Considering that none of you were there, it is incumbent upon you to undertake this review prior to discussing any of the allegations raised or making recommendations.

We, as an industry, in good faith prepared and participated in the 2008 UCI BOF meeting. We spent several months preparing for, attending and participating in the BOF process at a cost of over \$20,000. We had an expectation of fair hearings, as did other citizens, and we now also have a legal expectation of fair treatment and hearings from the Task Force.

There are several errors of data in the concurrent resolution and we expect these to be identified and corrected as you read the public record from the 2008 UCI BOF hearings. It seems that the concurrent resolution has to either substantiate the allegations or identify errors in drafting the resolution.

We intend to fully engage the Task Force with technical data and procedural issues. We feel it is appropriate, if possible, to put all presenters under oath. We intend to meet the legal requirements of law, regulations and policies as we engage the Task Force. We are firmly committed to achieving optimum (MSY) yields using the best scientific information, having fair allocations, maintaining efficiencies, protecting habitat and ensuring the economic health of the fishing communities.

Sincerely,



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