

Good evening chair and other task force members:

My name is Dennis E. Gease. I live at 36710 Virginia Drive, Kenai, Alaska.

I am Vice President and board member of The South Central Alaska Dip-netters Association. (S.C.A.D.A)

We're the new kids on the block. Last year we had over 20,000 permits issued, and with the state avg. of 4 in a family, we had over 80,000 Alaskans involved in this very popular and growing fishery..

It appears to our members; our greatest concern is that we are not in any category of user groups when it comes to allocations of fish in the Cook Inlet.....

- a) We're not commercial
- b) We're not sport fish
- c) We're not native subsistence

Some throw us in with sport fish, some throw us in with subsistence, and others say we don't belong out there at all

We believe the Alaskan constitution guarantees the residents of this state an equal share in their fishery resources.

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When allocations were first established, perhaps, the 80 percent of the fishery allocated to commercial fishing was fair, for that day and time...now however, less than 4% of the users are allocated over 80% of the resource, resulting in less than 20% of the revenues generated in Cook Inlet.. I will repeat that

Now with the tremendous growth in sport fishing and the new expanding growth in the dip-netting fishery, the old allocation system is way out of balance and should be corrected.

I don't know if fish and game has the authority to do so... if they don't have the authority, or refuse to do so, then I respectfully ask, that this task force go back to the legislature and institute a fair and equitable allocation program for ALL the residents and citizens of this state ...

I thank you for being here and for your willingness, time and effort to come out and listen to all sides of this very complex problem. I wish this task force the utmost success in this vital and important undertaking.

THANK YOU.