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To: Sen. Lyda Green
Subject: Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force

Dear Senator Green,

Here are some interesting sites that I think you will find interesting as they pertain to the subject of the over-escapement myth. Also, there was a Salmon Biologist down at the University of Washington by the name of Jeff Cedarholm who has published some very interesting studies he has done. He was retained by the Comm Fish Division of Fish and Game as a consultant and actually came to Alaska to meet with them. I don't think you'll see any of his opinions on the ADF&G website as I think they didn't like what he had to say. Unfortunately, Jeff died last year according to the internet. He would have been a great resource for your Task Force.

<http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories/s518.htm>

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v416/n6882/full/416729a.html>

<http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/Files.cfm?doc=/Store/AnnualReports/2004-040649-Annual.pdf&>

http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region4/finfish/salmon/kodiak/research/karluk/karluk_research.php

Additionally, something else that someone might want to look into is why are there so many set net sites on the east side beaches? When limited entry first came into being, there were 78 set net sites on our beaches. Now, there are well over 400 maybe even 500. Also, they use to only be able to go out 3 nets from the beach, now they go out 3 sets of nets or 9 nets out if I am not mistaken. Another thing that should be taken into consideration is that the commercial fishermen do not have to log their fish until they sell them. I have been told by some of my tradesmen, that there are commercial fishermen who have large walk in freezers with kings in them stacked up like cord wood. When the time for having to report fish has passed, that they take these fish south and sell them. Perfectly legal the way the system is now, but certainly circumventing the intent of trying to find out how many fish have been harvested. As the one gentleman testified, the kings especially should have to be logged when taken from the net.

Another suggestion that was brought up at the hearing that I certainly agree with is that we should fund a buyback program. If I am not mistaken, the mechanism for this is already in law. Otherwise, perhaps those of us who are involved in the Tourism Business should ask for a buyback program for our businesses.

One last idea.... why are we continuing to allow gill nets along our shores. I wonder if perhaps the people shouldn't start an initiative petition to ban gill nets within 3 miles of our coastline just as has been done in many of the states along the southeastern border of the United States, or even better yet, legislate the ban. And finally, I have to agree with so many others who testified about the inequity of the present allocation system. Well over half of our state's population lives in southcentral Alaska and yet we get only a miniscual percentage of the harvest allocation. If you just read the Constitution, how can this be justified?

As Bob Penny said, you are our court of last resort. We need your help to get this issue resolved.

Thanks for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

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