



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Co-chairs Foster and
Johnston, House Finance Committee

DATE: 2/11/2020

FROM: Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang
Department of Fish and Game

SUBJECT: 2/7/2020 Committee Response

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On Friday, February 7, 2020 the following questions were raised by members of the committee during the presentation of the Department of Fish and Game's budget overview.

Q: What is the return on investment for the Southeast Alaska red king crab fishery?

A: The last Southeast Alaska red king crab commercial fishery in 2017 generated about \$1.2 million.

Q: How many permit holders participate in the Southeast Alaska red king crab fishery?

A: There were approximately 50 commercial permit holders in the 2017 fishery. Personal use fisheries occur in numerous areas in Southeast Alaska annually. The department has issued over 3,500 red king crab personal use fishery permits annually since transitioning to an online permit system in 2018.

Q: What is the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF) and what is the annual distribution?

A: The AKSSF are the federal grant funds known as the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. The department received \$4 million in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020; \$3.5 million in FFY2018 and FFY 2019. Please see attached FY21 capital request.