

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 115526  
JUNEAU, AK 99811-5526  
PHONE: (907) 465-4100  
FAX: (907) 465-2332

October 14, 2011

The Honorable Steve Thompson, Chair  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
1292 Sadler Way, Suite 323  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Chairman Thompson:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) investment in Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) region fisheries management and research. The accompanying tables and worksheets provide details on funding levels over the past 12 years, as requested by the House Special Committee on Fisheries. ADF&G has been able to compile summary funding levels for all 12 years dating back to FY 2001, and project specific detail on the most recent six years, FY 2007-2012.

Since 2007, funding for the AYK Region within the Division of Commercial Fisheries has increased from \$4.7 million to approximately \$7.3 million. Additional projects were also funded out of the division's Special Projects Component, and funding from the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF) has totaled over \$7.1 million for the region.

This funding includes long term baseline projects and new initiatives focused on increasing knowledge and understanding of AYK salmon populations and reducing uncertainty of salmon assessment programs towards more effective management. This has included initiating new test fishery programs, retrospective analysis and total run reconstruction, escapement monitoring and evaluation, population genetics baseline determination and mixed stock analysis, evaluation of existing sonar methodologies and feasibility of new sonar technologies, and marine and juvenile assessments.

Enclosed are the answers to the individual questions submitted to ADF&G by committee staff. We look forward to discussing this important issue with you at the upcoming

hearing on October 19, 2011. We will have appropriate staff from ADF&G on hand to present information on our programs and answer questions that may arise.

Sincerely,



Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

Attachments:

Response to Questions on AYK Fisheries  
Department of Fish & Game FY01 to FY12 Appropriation Summary  
RDU Detail – Department of Fish & Game  
ADF&G – Com Fish – Project Summary Report – FY2007-FY2012 Allocations  
ADF&G – Sport Fish – Project Summary Report – FY2007-FY2012 Allocations  
2001-2010 OSM Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan  
State Funded Programs Associated with Addressing SOC – ADF&G, Com Fish, AYK  
Region  
AKSSF – FFY2000-2010 – Current to Sept., 2011  
AYK Stocks of Concern Designations