

Twenty Critical Points for a Fleet Reduction Program

The Cook Inlet Revitalization Association (CIRA) board of directors present these critical consensus points;

- 1) We believe that a Fleet Reduction bill should go forward but with some critical changes.
- 2) We believe that the amount of \$260,000 per permit is reasonable.
- 3) We believe that the initial Fleet Reduction Program should be within the East Side Set Net (ESSN) area which includes all six traditional statistical areas from Ninilchik to Boulder Point (East Forelands).
- 4) We believe that the best way to select the permits for an orderly sale is to have an open submission period for entry into the program with a date certain 'cut off' time. Sequential order of permits to be paid in the program will be chosen in a lottery where random selection of permit applications will be chosen by a drawing where all permits will be included that have been submitted for the Fleet Reduction Program.
- 5) We believe that each permit in the new qualified area should have equal voting privileges for the voluntary Fleet Reduction Program.
- 6) We believe that permits and leases should be able to be renewed, established, sold, or transferred by emergency or permanently within the area with no time restrictions before or after the initial qualifying period.
- 7) We believe that the State should not have first right of refusal or that permits that may have encumbrances on them should not be restricted from the Fleet Reduction Program.
- 8) We believe that the vote for the voluntary Fleet Reduction Program should be the final vote on whether the program will be instituted, or the qualifying actions and permit area restrictions will become null and void.
- 9) We believe that no valid permit holder who is currently fishing in the new ESSN area should be denied access to the program or qualification process. A combination of proof such as; participation, buoy stickers, fish tickets or leases may be used to establish past participation in the new qualified area.
- 10) We believe that the purpose of the Voluntary Fleet Reduction Program is to conserve stocks of salmon for the sustainability and common property; And that upon completion of the program, the new Eastside Setnet administrative area will be assured continued economic stability for the remaining permit holders who choose not to participate in the Fleet Reduction Program or who were not selected.

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- 11) We believe that the Fleet Reduction Program should include sufficient funding to relinquish two hundred permits while allowing a remaining majority of the permits to remain active in the new qualified area.
- 12) We believe that this new qualified area should have unique limited entry setnet salmon permits which will differ from areas outside of this new sub-administrative zone. We agree that the remaining Cook Inlet setnet permits should be restricted from operating in this new East Side Beach regulatory area.
- 13) We believe that no transfer of a lease will be allowed in the area vacated by a permit holder who relinquishes a permit and who voluntarily terminates the shore fishery lease associated with that permit number.
- 14) We believe that a majority vote should require 55 percent of all qualified permits in the new sub-administrative area of the East Side beaches to vote in the affirmative to approve the program or this program will not move forward as stated in the initial version of SB 135.
- 15) We believe that the State legislature shall not establish closed waters or closed commercial fishing zones.
- 16) We believe that the findings and purpose of a Fleet Reduction Program bill should specify that the public interest justification is for the economic stability of the remaining East Side setnet fishery.
- 17) We believe that all changes which require new setnet permits in the qualified area shall not go into effect until after a certified vote of those who would be directly affected have voted in acceptance of the Program.
- 18) We believe that the Fleet Reduction Program should not be partitioned between areas and should include the six setnet statistical management areas of; Ninilchik 244 - 21, Coho 244 - 22, South Kalifornsky Beach 244 - 31, North Kalifornsky Beach 244 - 32, Salamatof 244 - 41 and East Forelands 244 - 42.
- 19) We believe that no one statistical area of the East Side beaches should have a priority over another for inclusion in the Program.
- 20) We believe that the Setnet Fleet Reduction Program should be fully funded to compensate all relinquished permits at the rate of \$260,000 per limited entry salmon setnet permit in the new qualified area.

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