

HCR

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Gordon Jensen, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

At a House Resources Committee meeting held April 6, 1976, House Concurrent Resolution 114, Relating to the Copper River Subsistence Fishery was discussed. Mr. Gene Carlson, from the Chignik Dipnetters Association, presented background for both HCR 114 and 115. The Committee acted on HCR 115, reporting it out of Committee, but felt that the subject matter of HCR 114 could be better handled by a letter from the Resources Committee to the Board of Fisheries and to the Department.

Testimony the committee received indicated that a total of 39,000 salmon--all species included--was taken in one year by dip-netters, an amount which does not substantially endanger the total run of the fishery.

It was felt that there is a place in the fishery management plan for noncommercial, recreational subsistence use, if it does not significantly endanger the run, from a biological standpoint.

The Committee respectfully requests that the Board look into and enact, if biologically feasible, a longer season in the Copper River Subsistence Fishery, particularly with a view toward covering the late Coho run.

Sincerely,

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cc. Gene Carlson
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Carl Rosier, Div. of Commercial Fisheries
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All members, Board of Fisheries