

SCR

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16 March 1981
Sitka, AK

The Honorable Fred Zharoff
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Zharoff,

I respectfully request your support of SCR No. 12
authored by Sen. Eliason, and would appreciate
any efforts toward expediting its passage at
the earliest possible opportunity. As a
concerned handtroller, and lifetime Alaskan,
I feel passage of SCR No. 12 will do much
towards alleviating a constantly changing,
very confusing, and I feel, a very
discriminatory situation.

Sincerely,
Harry Johnson
P.O. Box 932
Sitka, AK 99835



March 12, 1951

Representative Zharoff
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Zharoff,

I would appreciate your special consideration and support on Senator Eliason's Senate concurrent resolution No. 13. I have been involved in handtrailing for several years and have tried to help the Board of Fisheries by testifying at their hearings, trying to help line out the handtrail issue.

The Board of Fisheries keep adding on restrictions rather than enforcing the restrictions already imposed. The handtrail issue needs to be resolved sensibly so we can turn our attention to preserving our stocks.

I and all handtrillers in general would appreciate any help that you can give us regarding this resolution.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth C Proctor

Box 545
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

Representative Zharoff:

I would greatly appreciate your support of resolution SCR 12 by Senator Elias. To many handtrollers like myself, it is of utmost importance that the Alaska Board of Fisheries reconsider its most recent gear limitations for hand trollers.

Sincerely,

Dean Jagers

Box 165
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

Representative Zharoff:

I would greatly appreciate your support of resolution SCR 12 by Senator Eliason. To many handtrollers like myself, it is of utmost importance that the Alaska Board of Fisheries reconsider its most recent gear limitations for hand trollers.

Sincerely,

Gene Ferris

Box 607
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

Representative Zharoff:

I would greatly appreciate your support of resolution SCR 12 by Senator Eliason. To many handtrollers like myself, it is of utmost importance that the Alaska Board of Fisheries reconsider its most recent gear limitations for hand trollers.

Sincerely,

Robert Schilke

Box 441
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

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I would greatly appreciate your support of resolution SCR 12 by Senator Eliason. To many handtrollers like myself, it is of utmost importance that the Alaska Board of Fisheries reconsider its most recent gear limitations for hand trollers.

Sincerely,

Harry Hobbs

Box 606
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

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Sincerely,

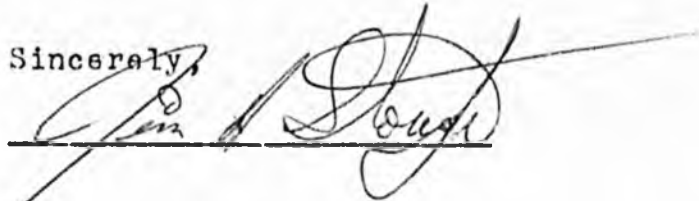
Randy Churchill

Box 1342
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. J. Douglas", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Box 912
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 6, 1981

Representative Zharoff:

I would greatly appreciate your support of resolution SCR 12 by Senator Eliason. To many handtrollers like myself, it is of utmost importance that the Alaska Board of Fisheries reconsider its most recent gear limitations for hand trollers.

Sincerely,

Bob Maritz

Box 912
Wrangell, Ak. 99929
March 3, 1981

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

I oppose the one hand gurdy ruling for the following reasons:

1. The combination of a hand gurdy and a sport pole is a poor one. To make the commercial gear work properly one has to troll faster than sport gear should be trolled, so if the gurdy gear is fished effectively the sport pole won't be and vice-versa.
2. Concerning the 20-80 split for power and hand trollers, Fish and Game statistics show handtrollers have averaged about 13% of the king salmon catch for 1975 through 1979. Although handtrollers have averaged about 20% of the cohos for the same time period, we have not historically caught 20% of the king salmon. Also, Fish and Game statistics show handtrollers catch a large number of humpies in comparison to power trollers. The reason for this is because most power trollers will avoid catching humpies if there is any possibility of catching coho or kings. In a bumper year of pinks like 1977 for example, when power trollers do concentrate on catching humpies, handtrollers don't even come close to getting 20% of the humpies. Therefore, the handtroller is not getting his share of king salmon and statistics on the humpy catch are misleading.
3. The one gurdy ruling is being instituted without seeing what the limiting of the hand troll fleet will accomplish. Also, when the Commission of Limited Entry first presented its case on limiting the hand troll fleet, nothing was said about further gear limitations. Handtrollers had already been cut from four gurdies to two, and most handtrollers had no idea further gear restrictions would be imposed. If handtrollers had known their number was going to be cut in half, plus more drastic gear limitations, there would have been vehement resistance to being limited at all.
4. The one gurdy ruling will cause undue hardship in small rural communities. Although few people make their living handtrolling, many in rural areas supplement a good portion of their income by handtrolling.
5. Enforcement of the one gurdy ruling will be difficult. In many cases handtrollers will be civilly disobedient, and it will cause many now honest handtrollers to become dishonest.

In lieu of the one hand gurdy ruling to protect king and coho stocks, I suggest the following: Cut the foreign catch of kings and coho. In 1980 the Japanese alone gillnetted 750,000 king salmon. Who knows how many kings and coho are caught by foreign trawlers. Second, cut the coho catch of seiners. They get the lion's share of sockeye, chums, and humpy and could survive nicely without coho.

Signed,
Ron Merritt
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