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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF BOARDS

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

BOX 3-2000
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802
PHONE: (907) 465-4110

February 13, 1986

The Honorable Peter Goll
Chairman
House Special Committee
on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Goll:

At the 1985 Southeast finfish meeting, the Hoonah Advisory Committee's Proposal #338 requested that the Alaska Board of Fisheries ask the Legislature to identify charter vessel operations as a separate user group for which separate regulations could be written. The board agreed, and so I am writing to you as the Chairman of the House Special Committee on Fisheries and Hoonah's representative. The board also asked the Southeast Regional Council members to make their views known to their legislators.

For the past several years we have received a number of proposals which address charter boat fishing. It is apparent that most people view charter operations as a discrete classification. However since AS 16.05.251, which outlines the board's authority, does not refer to charter operations, the Department of Law has told us that we are on very shaky legal ground when we adopt regulations like the six line limit for charter vessels in Southeast.

This regulation was strongly supported by the Southeast charter vessel operators, who continue to be concerned that this regulation could be overturned in court. As this industry grows, I believe that more and more fishermen will want the board to address it separately. In order to avoid at least some confusion, it would be helpful if the board's authority to do so were clear.

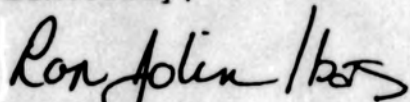
The Honorable Peter Goll

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February 13, 1986

If the board can provide any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Ron Jolin
Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

cc: The Honorable Richard Shultz
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
The Honorable Adelheid Herrmann
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
Southeast Advisory Committees

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Alaska Statutes 44.62, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under authority vested by AS 16.05.251, as authorized by delegation of the Board of Fisheries under AS 16.05.270, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations contained in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code which implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Title 16, Alaska Statutes.

Regulations to be the subject of this proposed action concern marking requirements for sport fishing charter vessels.

The department may adopt, amend, repeal, or take no action on the subject matter of the proposed regulatory change in the following informative summary.

Amend 5 AAC 39.119 so that charter vessels in all areas of the state except the Southeastern Alaska and Yakutat areas, not otherwise used for commercial fishing, are exempt from the requirement that each vessel's ADF&G number be displayed in one-foot high, one-inch wide numerals.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Notice is also given that anyone interested may present written statements or arguments relevant to the actions proposed in this notice. Written comments should be received by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Boards, Box 3-2000, Juneau, Alaska 99802, by 4:30 p.m. on May 23, 1986.

Anyone interested in or affected by charter vessel fishing regulations is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice, the department may consider all of the subjects covered by the proposed changes contained in this notice. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSAL. The department's actions are limited to the subject matter given in this legal notice, but pursuant to AS 44.62.200(3), the department may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed. On its own motion, after public hearing, the department may adopt, amend, reject, supplement, or take no action on these matters.

In addition, the department may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. Anyone interested in or affected by the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written comments if they wish to have their view considered by the department.

Date:

4.17.86



Don W. Collinsworth

Commissioner

Alaska Department of Fish
and Game

Register __, _____ 1986

FISH AND GAME

5 AAC 39.107

5 AAC 39.119

CHAPTER 39
GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 AAC 39.107 (b),(c), and (e) are amended to read:

5 AAC 39.107. OPERATION OF GEAR.

(b) Throughout the period of operation of mobile net gear, a person who holds a valid CFEC permit for that gear must be physically present on-board the vessel from which the net gear is operated.

(c) A CFEC permit holder shall personally operate or assist in the operation of mobile net gear. "Personally operate or assist in the operation" means assisting or supervising some portion of the immediate operation.

(e) A person who holds a CFEC permit for the operation of stationary net gear or fishwheels must be within a reasonable distance of his gear when at a point of sale or at the location of other stationary gear of that permit holder. A "reasonable distance" means a distance that ensures that the CFEC permit holder retains competent supervision of his gear. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/31/85, Register 94; am __/__/86, Register __)

Authority: AS 16.05.251
AS 16.05.253

5 AAC 39.110 (c) and (e) are amended to read:

5 AAC 39.110. CREW MEMBER FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.

(c) A crew member licensee who does not hold a valid CFEC permit card may crew in any fishery if the holder of a valid CFEC permit card for that fishery is in compliance with 5 AAC 39.107(b) and (c), or with (e).

(e) In this section, "crew" means the activities of a commercial fisherman as defined in AS 16.05.940(4), who is actively engaged in the operation of fishing gear that is operated in compliance with 5 AAC 39.107(b) and (c), or with (e). (In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am __/__/86, Register __)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 39.119 is added to Article 1 to read:

5 AAC 39.119. VESSEL IDENTIFICATION. (a) Unless otherwise specified, commercial fishing vessel required to be licensed under AS 16.05.490 must display its permanent vessel license plate number

- (1) in permanent symbols at least 12 inches in height and with lines at least one inch in width that contrast with the background;
 - (2) on both sides of the hull, cabin, or mast;
 - (3) in a manner such as to be plainly visible and unobscured;
- and
- (4) at all times when registered to fish.

(b) In addition to the requirements of (a) of this section, each registered salmon hand troll vessel must display the letters HT in permanent block letters. Each letter must be painted on both sides of the vessel hull or cabin in a color contrasting with the background, at least eight inches in height, at least one half inch in width, plainly visible and unobscured at all times. The letters must be displayed at all times until the end of the calendar year.

(c) The following vessels are exempt from the requirements of this section:

- (1) those exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.495;
- (2) seine skiffs operating with a seine vessel;
- (3) charter vessels used exclusively for sport fishing in freshwater. (Eff. __/__/86, Register __)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 39.165(1) is amended to read:

5 AAC 39.165. TRAWL GEAR UNLAWFUL. It is unlawful to use any type of trawl gear for any commercial fishing purposes in the following locations:

- (1) waters of Prince William Sound enclosed by lines from Point Whitshed to Point Bentinck, from Cape Hinchinbrook to Seal Rocks (60°10'N.lat., 146°50'W.long.) to Zaikof Point, and from Montague Point to Knowles Head, except that trawls may be used to take herring during the open commercial herring food and bait season (September 1 through January 31); (In effect before 1985; am 7/14/85, Register 95; am __/__/85, Register __)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

April 23, 1986

VTITLEV VFIRSTV VLASTV
VADDRESS LN 1V
VCITYV, VSTATEV VZIPV

Dear VTITLEV VLASTV:

The House Special Committee on Fisheries will be sponsoring a teleconference hearing concerning sport fishing charter operations Thursday, May 1, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

The teleconference has been scheduled at the request of several legislators interested in discussing two issues: (1) Board of Fisheries regulations requiring 12-inch identification numbers to be displayed on sport fishing charter vessels; and (2) a request by the Board of Fisheries for statutory authority to manage sport fishing charter operations as a separate gear group.

There is no legislation on the issue pending before the committee, and the deadline for special committees to introduce bills has long passed. This hearing will be strictly to provide a forum for discussion of the issues.

I look forward to the opportunity for an airing of the issues involved. I hope you are able to participate.

Sincerely,

Representative Peter Goll
Chairman

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* SENT: 05/05/86 TIME: 08:19
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* SUBJECT: FINAL STATS
* PRINT DATE: 05/05/86 TIME: 08:19
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* * * FINAL STATS * * *

DATE: 5/1/86
SITE: SOLDOTNA
SPONSOR: HOUSE SPECIAL FISHERIES COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: SPORTSFISHING CHARTER VESSELS



- TESTIFIED:
- 1. JIN JOHNSON 44526 STERLING HWY, SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-5357
 - 2. GREG DAVIS 10819 SPUR HWY #139, KENAI, 99611 262-7360
 - 3. RANDY BERG BOX 4177, SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-5727
- OBSERVED:
- 1. TIM BERG BOX 4177, SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-5727
 - 2. RON LATSCHAND BOX 668, SOLDOTNA, 99669
 - 3. DAN RING BOX 2037, SOLDOTNA, 99669
 - 4. JOE RAY SKRHA BOX 1991, SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-4747
 - 5. RON WEILBACKER BOX 1918, SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-9600
 - 6. ROD BERG 266 REDWOOD CT., SOLDOTNA, 99669 262-6064
 - 7. DAN ECK
 - 8. TRACY JEWETT

TOTAL TESTIFIED: 3
TOTAL OBSERVED: 8
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DATE: _____ MAY 1, 1986 _____
 SITE: _____ VALDEZ _____
 SPONSOR: _____ HSE SPEC CMTE ON FISH _____
 SUBJECT: _____ SPORTSFISHING CHARTER VESSELS _____
 LOCAL MODERATOR: _____ PAT VON BARGEN _____

TESTIFIED: 0
 NAME/REPRESENTING ADDRESS PHONE

OBSERVED: 1
 NAME/REPRESENTING ADDRESS PHONE
 1. MARK E. BUCHNER, BOX 1103 835-4435
 COHO CHARTERS VALDEZ, AK 99686

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TO: TC CREW

FROM: REBA-GLENNALLEN

RE: MESSAGE FOR H SPEC. COMM. ON FISHERIES

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE T-C ON SPORTSFISHING,
HELD 5-1-86 AT 8:30 AM TO:

ROBERT HOLMES
BOX 78
COPPER CENTER, AK 99573

THANKS

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TO: TCJNU

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FROM: CHARLENE IN HOMER

TC 5-1-86, SPORTFISHING CHARTER VESSELS

PARTICIPANT LIST TO TESTIFY:

1. F. H. INGRAM OF LANDS END MARINE CHARTER, BOX 1594, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-7809
2. D. A. MARIANO OF K-BAY CHARTERS, BOX 3223, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-8119
3. DONNA HINKLE, BOX 402, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-8792

PARTICIPANT LIST TO OBSERVE:

1. DANNY PARKS OF CENTRAL CHARTERS, BOX 2708, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-8796
2. RICHARD FROST OF CENTRAL CHARTERS, BOX 254, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-7518
3. ROBERT BUCK, BOX 254, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-7518
4. MYRON MICKEY, BOX 120, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-7962
5. JIM VAN DER SANDEN OF SEA KATCH, 628 RANGEVIEW, HOMER, AK. PHONE 235-7229
6. JIM THOMPSON, 44224 STERLING HWY., SOLDOTNA, AK. PHONE 262-9071
7. RICHARD PONDREY OF ANCHOR MARINE CAPTS. CHARTERS, BOX 317, ANCHOR POINT, AK. PHONE 235-7409
8. WYMAN KEEN OF IRISH MIST, CAPTS. CHARTERS, BOX 3847, KENAI, AK. PHONE 283-4785

* ORIGINAL
 * SENT: 05/01/86 TIME: 13:19
 * FROM: JUNE GALLEY
 * SUBJECT: KTN. T/C SPORTFISHING 5/1
 * PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 13:19
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*** FINAL T/C STATS ***

DATE: MAY 1, 1986_____
 SITE: KETCHIKAN_____
 SPONSOR: HOUSE SPEC. COMM. ON FISH_____
 SUBJECT: SPORTSFISHING CHARTER VESSELS_____
 LOCAL MODERATOR: JUNE GALLEY_____

TESTIFIED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. WILLI HERFF, WATERFALL RESORT, P. O. BOX 6440, KTN., AK.		99901 225-9461
2. JIM GREEN, SEABREEZE CHARTERS, 1033 MILLAR ST., KTN., AK.		99901 225-5317
3. TOM RAMISKEY, CHINOOK CHARTERS, 428 TOWER, KETCHIKAN, ALASKA		99901
4. MARK BURGOYNE, AK. SALMON CHARTER, BOX 5186, KTN., AK.		99901 247-2306

OBSERVED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. DON WRIGHT, WRIGHT'S MARINE CHARTERS, P.O. BOX 5953, KTN., AK.		225-9277
2. THAD LANE, ALASKA SALMON CHARTERS, P.O. BOX 7195, KTN., AK.		99901 225-1506
3. NORMA GREEN, SEABREEZE CHARTERS, 1033 MILLAR ST., KTN., AK.		99901 225-5317
4. JIM DAHL, BOX 8080, KETCHIKAN, AK.		99901

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OBSERVED: ____4____

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LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK

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DATE: 05-01-86
SITE/MODERATOR: GLENN ALLEN-REBA
SPONSOR: H S C ON FISH
SUBJECT: SPORTSFISHING

1 TESTIFIED
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1 TOTAL

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TC ENDED: 10:55 AM
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ADDRESS-PHONE

TESTIFIED:

1. JON BREIVOGEL- RIVERS UNLIMITED COPPER CENTER 99573 822-3535

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TO JUNEAU T.C.
FR ELAINE, SITKA

FINAL STATS 5/1/86 SEORBI FISHING & CHARTER VESSELS ✓

***HOONAH:

1. GORDON PEDERSON, BOX 384, HOONAH - TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF
HOONAH F&G ADVISORY COMMITTEE

***HAINES:

1. MR. CARMEN DE FRANCO, BOX 765, HAINES 766-2255 - TESTIFIED AS
A CHARTER OPERATOR ✓
2. DON CRAKE, BOX 74, HAINES 766-2303 - OBSERVED ONLY

***THORNE BAY:

1. KEN CLINE - DO NOT HAVE ADDRESS FOR HIM. ✓

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 * SENT: 05/01/86 TIME: 10:53
 * FROM: LIOKOD
 * SUBJECT: KODIAK FINAL STATS
 * PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 10:53
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*** FINAL T/C STATS ***

DATE: MAY 1, 1986
 SITE: KODIAK LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE
 SPONSOR: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES
 SUBJECT: SPORTFISHING CHARTER VESSELS
 LOCAL MODERATOR: MARY JO SIMMONS

TESTIFIED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
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1. TED NELSON/PRES. KODIAK ISLAND CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION
 ISLAND MARINE CHARTER SERVICE
 PO BOX 814 KODIAK 99615, 486-3672
2. BOB LOCHMAN/KOD. ISLAND CHARTER
 PO BOX 2023 KODIAK 99615, 487-2546
3. JIM BAGLIEN/KOD. SEA CHARTER
 PO BOX 2156 KODIAK 99615, 487-2683
4. ERIC STIRRUP/KOD. SEA CHARTER
 PO BX 1694 KODIAK 99615, 486-5079

OBSERVED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
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1. ED SAUNDERS/AK. EXPERIENCE INC., PO BX 1271 KODIAK 99615,
 486-3929
2. KEN LESTER/AK. EXPERIENCE INC., PO BX 373 KODIAK 99615,
 486-3376

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 OBSERVED: 2
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* FROM: LIODLG

* SUBJECT: FINAL STATS 5\01\86 CHARTER

* PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 14:29

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DATE: MAY 01, 1986 - THURSDAY

SITE: DILLINGHAM, ANNA MAY

SPONSOR\SUBJECT: HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

T\C STARTED 8:30 A.M.

T\C ENDED- WENT OFF LINE AT 10:50 A.M.

DILLINGHAM HAD NO PARTICIPANTS BUT WE DID RECORD PART OF T\C FOR
LARRY MURPHY OF ALEKNAGIK.

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*** FINAL T/C STATS ***

DATE: MAY 1, 1986
SITE: PETERSBURG
SPONSOR: ~~SEN. STEVENS~~
SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE
LOCAL MODERATOR: DOROTHY PENTTILA

*These stats are really
for sport fishing
Dorothy called 5/1/86
Let notify us
later.*

TESTIFIED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. JAMES R. SCHRAHEK	BOX 745	772-3337
2. MARILYN GEORGE	BOX 1031	772-4515
3. ROBERT T. ROGERS	BOX 3297	772-3297

OBSERVED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. ENID MAGILL	BOX 444	772- 4476
2. SU RAPPLEYE KFSK	BOX 149	772-3808
3. LOREN CROXTON	BOX 1410	772-3622
4. HARRY ROGERS	BOX 189	772-4271

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* SUBJECT: FINAL STATS 5/1
* PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 11:18
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TO JUNEAU T.C.
FR ELAINE, SITKA

FINAL_STATS_5/1_SPORT_FISHING/CHARLES

TESTIFIED:

1. BILL FROUST, ALASKA TROLLERS BOARD, 3009 HPR, SITKA 747-8170
2. JAY B. MYER, J & J CHARTER, 104 SUNSET DRIVE, SITKA 747-3624
3. CHUCK JOHNSTONE, SITKA CHARTER ASSOC., 1408 SMC, SITKA 747-3931
4. ANN L. LOWE, TROLL-PAC, 415 ARROWHEAD, SITKA 747-8023

OBSERVED:

1. JESS ROCKWELL, BOX 2481, SITKA - NO PHONE

TOTALS: 4 WITNESSES, 1 OBSERVER = 5 PARTICIPANTS

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* FROM: JUNE GALLEY
* SUBJECT: T/C WRG.--SPORTSFISHING
* PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 13:36
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*** FINAL T/C STATS ***

DATE: MAY 1, 1986 _____
 SITE: WRANGELL _____
 SPONSOR: HOUSE SPEC. COMM. ON FISH _____
 SUBJECT: SPORTSFISHING CHARTER VESSELS _____
 LOCAL MODERATOR: MABEL FENNIMORE _____



TESTIFIED:

NAME/REPRESENTING	ADDRESS	PHONE
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1. DOUG SMITH, BOX 1201, WRANGELL, AK. 99929. 874-3447
2. JIM GOVE , BOX 307, WRANGELL, AK. 99929. 874-2381

OBSERVED: 0

TESTIFIED: ___2___
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 TIME END: ___10:30AM___

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* SENT: 05/01/86 TIME: 13:49
* FROM: HARRY MANDREGAN
* SUBJECT: FINAL STATS T/C 05/01/86
* PRINT DATE: 05/01/86 TIME: 13:49

*** FINAL T/C STATS ***

DATE: __MAY 1ST, 1986__
SITE: __ANCHORAGE, ALASKA__
SPONSOR: __HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES__
SUBJECT: __SPORTFISHING CHARTER VESSELS__
LOCAL MODERATOR: __DAVID J./HARRY T.M./JEAN M.____

TESTIFY:

NAME/REPRESENTING

ADDRESS

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OBSERVE: NAME/REPRESENTING

ADDRESS

PHONE

1. KAREN BRANDT

267-2315

TESTIFIED: __0__

TIME START: __8:30 AM__

OBSERVED: __1__

TIME END: 11:00 AM__

TOTAL: __1__

Testimony To The Fisheries Special Subcommittee

Alaska Trollers Association

Our Association contends that guided sportsmen, especially in Southeast Alaska, must be defined as a separate user group since there is an alarming growth in both charter and guided lodge fishing operations which threaten to upset the delicate allocation balance for species such as king and coho salmon.

It is important to explain that there is a finite number of fish available. King and coho salmon are a fully utilized resource in Southeast Alaska. Chinook are the most highly-regulated salmon under the U.S./Canada Treaty. They are also the most highly sought after by the sports fishing interests. The abundance of king salmon under the treaty rebuilding quota is such that commercial fishermen must: (1) curtail directed fishery to limit harvest of king salmon to times when they can coincidentally catch other species or target directly on hatchery kings and, (2) they must face lost opportunity in harvesting other species of salmon by trying to minimize their king salmon harvest. This minimizing of king salmon harvest is done to reduce any type of mortalities caused by a by-catch of kings which could occur once the quota number of king salmon is caught. This available abundance during rebuilding is attractive to unregulated fisheries. The U.S./Canada Treaty clearly states that we cannot institute new fisheries, nor should we increase effort on these king salmon. Our Association is greatly concerned that future increases in charter boat and/or guided trips will increase fishing effort, thus

causing a ripple effect in all commercial and sport fishing in Southeast Alaska. Such increased efforts by guided sportsmen would certainly lead to quotas being met early in the season which would result in increased "non-retention-type fisheries". Studies done by Fish and Game have shown, for example, that guided fishermen on the Kenai River are really "super fishermen" (that is, they are not just sportsmen, but are super sportsmen). They show that only 20% of the sportsman on the Keni are guided, yet they capture half of the sports catch.

Unregulated fisheries have potential for massive growth. Note that handtrollers went from 250 boats in 1972 to 3,000 in 1978. Charter boats in Southeast Alaska have increased from 97 boats in 1984 to 172 in 1985. Since much of the charter increase is occurring in high mixed stocks, these charter operations are working on fixed-number, or fixed-allocated fish. As shown elsewhere, the charter boat fishery is a large growth fishery, and growth under the U.S./Canada Treaty of any effort, cannot occur. The increased efficiency of guided sportsmen would result in increased catches of king salmon. Unless the number of fish available increase, then their take must come from other users. By taking fish from commercial fishermen, you are not creating a new industry with new fish and new dollars, but are transferring fish and dollars from the commercial industry. If you are taking dollars from commercial industry, especially an industry like trolling which is 87% resident, then you are talking about lost revenues, and lost taxes (both Local and State). The commercially caught fish yield a raw fish tax which goes both to State and

Local governments. Also, since the fishermen are mostly resident, the ripple effect on property tax, and employment factor can certainly be demonstrated. The reduced number of fish going through processing plants could effect processor and other forms of local employment. The ripple continues in effecting the values of limited entry permits in a commercial fishery.

Certainly the first to be effected by increased charter catches would be the sportsfishermen; next would be trollers. Because of how our regulations are presently made, professional guides are hiding under the guise of "sportsfishermen". As guides increase catch, mostly to non-residents, it effects sportsfishermen's allocation. This problem occurred on the Kenai River. Allocation numbers for sportsfishermen would not remain openended with any increase in growth.

It is certainly important to understand that regulations cut both ways - it can both protect existing charter fishermen from overgrowth from outside, in other words non-residents, as we're seeing at present, but it also can cause regulation/allocation. Presently, most of our charter fishermen and guides are small operations, and the 6-line limit that exists is important for them to stave off the influx of large out-of-State charter boats. While actually defining charter guides so that they can be regulated by the Board of Fish, existing resident charter and guide fisheries would receive well-needed protection under the Law.

In summary:

- 1) There is a limited number of fish legally available during rebuilding under the U.S./Canada treaty.

- 2) Commercial users are strictly controlled.
- 3) All users must remain within the allocation balance during Treaty rebuilding.
- 4) Sport fishing with a guide is a different method of fishing because of increased efficiency.
- 5) Our Association feels it is extremely important that guided lodge fishing operations and charter boats must be definable outside the realm of the general term "sportsfishermen" so that both commercial and existing charter fishing operations can be protected.

UFA —

Would like to support apparent desire of Charter Boats to be recognized as a commercial industry but not necessarily a commercial fisheries group.

Would like to support Charter Boats' desire to be a separate sports fisheries.

Would invite Charter Boats to provide inputs of thoughts to UFA so that UFA might be able to support wherever appropriate.



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