

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1993-1994 8672

7996 HOUSE RESOURCES

201

Nicholas C. Tucker, Sr.
Box 178
Emmonak, AK 99581

April 11, 1994

Mr. Bill Williams, Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Post-it brand fax transmittal memo 7671		# of pages > /
To House Resources Committee	From Nick Tucker	
Co. Mr. Bill Will, H.R. Chair	Co.	
Dept.	Phone #	949-1227
Fax #	Fax #	949-1412

Dear Chairman Williams:

My name is Nick Tucker, subsistence and commercial fisherman from Emmonak on the Lower Yukon River. I am advisor to the US/Canada Yukon River Salmon Treaty Negotiations, board member on the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association, board member on the Lower Yukon Advisory Committee and interim board on the Coastal In-River Fisheries Association.

I oppose the confirmation of Kay Andrews and Dick Bowers to the Board of Fisheries.

Gentlemen, I am used to working with people who are open minded, not biased, and who can be reasonable.

Ms. Andrews and Mr. Bowers showed no reason at the last Board of Fisheries meeting. I feel hurt because they bypassed concern over conservation of chums and State subsistence priority. They were more overwhelmed by commercial interests of non-residents who are making twenty to fifty times that we do. What little we make off commercial fishing in our villages is used to provide us our year-round subsistence. It is a necessary way of life that sustains our native spirit, upholding our naive traditions, heritage, and culture. When will some one open their eyes? Salmon is a necessary part of this.

The Board of Fisheries is a unique process to our State. This process is becoming meaningless when it has bowed down to other interests than conservation and subsistence priority. It has gone so far as to disregard the advise of the Department of Fish and Game. They have depended on their professional advice throughout the history of the Board process. What happened? The State might as well do away with the Department of Fish and Game when it feels that it no longer has a place to assist in providing for sustained yield. This would leave us one alternative if the State wishes not to take care of its fish and game resources: a federal takeover. Our people in rural Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim region are being subjected full compliance with fish and game regulations, restrictions, reduced subsistence/commercial schedules, even complete subsistence closures.

Our US/Canada salmon rebuilding and stablization programs and the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association restoration and rebuilding programs are meaningless if the Board of Fisheries is bowing down to big money. What of our rural AYK Alaska State residents? Have they become second class citizens?

Thank you.

Nick

House Resource Committee

The Officers and Directors of the Ketchikan Sports and Wildlife Club wish to urge you to confirm the appointment of Kay Andrews to the Board of Fish. We also would like you to oppose Dick Bower and Larry Engle. We feel that Engle and Bower represent the "Guided Sports Fishing Industry" would not serve to also represent resident personal use and sports fishermen. Traditionally, true sportfishermen do not become involved in the board decision process. Most sportfishermen are working during the hours that the board meetings are held, and consequently are unable to attend leaving their interests unrepresented and overlooked. It seems that the dominant interests being considered are the various commercial ones including the guided sports fishing industry. The overall health of the resource and the impact on Alaskan fishermen is often overlooked. With the rapid and uncontrolled growth of the Guided Sportsfishing and Visitor industry, and the pressure coming up from Oregon and Washington, it is now more important than ever that the large and silent resident sportfishermen's concerns be heard and addressed. Again we urge you to oppose the appointment of two more representatives of commercial interests, and try to find someone who will more equitably balance the Board of Fish. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lee Putman
Vice President Ketchikan Sports and Wildlife Club
PO Box 5122
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Alaska State Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE
JEANNETTE JAMES

P.O. Box 56622
North Pole, Alaska 99705
(907) 488-1546
FAX (907) 488-9006
House District 34



House of Representatives

Whillo In Juneau
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska
99801-1182
(907) 465-3743
FAX (907) 465-2381

MEMO

TO: Rep. James

FROM: Walt Wilcox

DATE: 4/11/94

Re: Fish Board comments from constituents

Kay Andrew did not support the interior fishery and would not even listen to native and other resident input. She was rude, had a closed mind about interior fish problems, and was only open to input regarding Area M. I was told that her husband is a participant in the intercept fishery. She also voted against Chitna fish enhancement. **They want you to vote NO for confirmation.**

Dick Bower also did not support the interior fishery. He supported area M at the expense of our constituents. He opposed enhancing the Chitna river fishery also.

They want you to vote NO for confirmation.

There is NO representative from the Interior on the Board of Fish.

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENTS
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

192 Madcap Lane
Fairbanks, AK 99709
April 4, 1994

Governor Michael
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 10001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Governor Michael

Request you remove Chairman Kay Andrew from her position on the Board of Fish.

At the March 1994 meeting of the BOF held in Anchorage to consider measures to save the severely depressed chum salmon stocks in Western Alaska, Kay Andrew proved herself to be totally unfit to serve on the Board. Over 200 people testified. The rural people from Western Alaska told of their misery and food shortages resulting from the 1993 chum salmon run collapse. After the testimony, Chairman Andrew stated that the BOF should consider the loss of income to Area M (False Pass) fishermen. The fact that experts from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stated that the Western Alaskan chum salmon stocks are in serious decline and that the people are going without food was of little concern to Chairman Andrew, Dick Bower (also newly appointed and not yet confirmed) and Larry Edfelt!

The BOF is mandated to consider conservation of the stocks as priority #1 and subsistence as priority #2. Kay Andrew, Larry Edfelt and Dick Bower put the financial interests of Area M drift netters and purse seiners first! ADF&G showed data that reducing the Area M chum cap to 800,000 intercepted chum would put an additional 80,000-88,000 fish onto the spawning grounds of Western Alaska and the Yukon River. Larry Edfelt and Kay Andrew expressed their beliefs that the CHUM STOCKS WERE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE THAT 88,000 MORE FISH WAS A NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT and did not justify cutting the personal income of the Area M seiners and drift netters!

[Please note that I do not mention Area M setnetters. ADF&G data indicated that the number of Western Alaska bound chum intercepted by this gear type was insignificant. ADF&G and Western Alaska delegates BOTH requested that the setnetters be excluded from the chum cap. During a break in the meeting, an Area M setnetter asked...

ADF&G data indicated that the number of Western Alaska bound
chum intercepted by this gear type was insignificant. ADF&G
and Western Alaska delegates BOTH requested that the
setnetters be excluded from the chum cap. During a break in
the meeting, an Area M setnetter asked Chairman Andrew about
excluding this gear type from the cap. Chairman Andrew
said, within ear shot of other people in the hall, that 'you
setnetters are like rats deserting a sinking ship' or words
to that effect.]

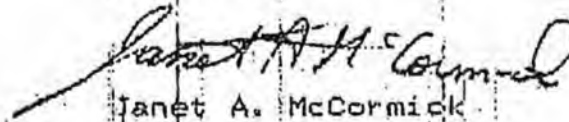
2

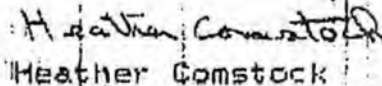
Under Chairman Andrew, the board process, has, for all practical purposes, completely broken down. She cannot conduct a fair board process. She taunts people testifying in opposition to her personal viewpoint, humiliates the ADF&B staff and their input, does not allow them to speak when they want to clarify a point, and is given to making snide remarks to members of the public seeking information.

In the end, just before the BOF took the vote on whether or not to lower the chum cap to 300,000 in Area M and let approximately 98,000 more chum salmon escape to the spawning grounds in Western Alaska, Larry Edfel made the statement that the chum failure was so great and the area so vast that 98,000 fish won't make much of a difference and did not justify the economic loss to Area M!! Chairman Andrew agreed and Dick Bower later in a newspaper interview stated that his concern was also for the economic impact on Area M. These 3 people are unfit to serve on the BOF.

cc Legislators
ADF&B Com

Sincerely,


Janet A. McCormick


Heather Comstock



Alaska Sportfishing Association

3605 Arctic Blvd., Suite 800 • Anchorage, Alaska 99503

BOARD OF FISHERIES CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

THE ALASKA SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION REITERATES ITS STRONG SUPPORT OF THE RECENTLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS, DICK BOWER SR. AND LARRY ENGEL.

Our review of their work at the three Board of Fisheries meetings held this year confirmed that our pre-appointment support was well placed. Their actions, which, of course, did not please everyone, confirmed that they firmly believe in conservation of the resource, the sustained yield principles of management, and recognition of the State Constitution's articles in the allocation of the public resource.

Thank You

Phil Cutler, President

UNITED SOUTHEAST ALASKA GILLNETTERS

204 N. Franklin, Suite 2

Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 586-5860

(907) 586-3388 FAX

April 11, 1994

The Honorable Bill Williams
House Resource Committee Chairman
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Williams:

The United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association strongly supports the confirmation of Kay Andrew to the Board of Fish.

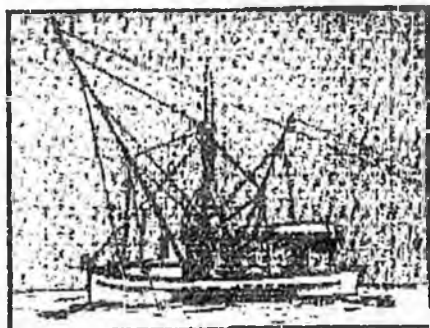
Since her appointment to the Board of Fish last June, Kay has represented Alaska well in managing its delicate fishery resource. During her 10 months on the Board, her votes have not been based upon "political correctness," but based on the best factual information made available...sometimes that has not been "politically correct." Kay is committed to helping Alaska manage its fisheries. Her sense of fairness has earned the respect of her fellow boardmembers who recently elected her chairman of the Board of Fish.

Thank you for taking the time to review our letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey T.L. Bullock
Executive Director



Alaska Trollers Association

130 Seward St., No. 505
Juneau, Alaska 99801
(907) 586-9400
(907) 586-4473 fax

April 10, 1994

*Human Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811*

Dear Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) is pleased to issue its strong support for Kay Andrew's confirmation to the Board of Fisheries (Board).

Ms. Andrew brings to the Board precious personal knowledge and insight into the workings of the Alaskan fishing industry. Her past participation in fisheries issues, as chair of the Ketchikan Advisory Committee, makes her well suited for a position on the Board. Ms. Andrew displays a genuine interest in the issues at hand, and has already proven her strong commitment to serve the State on this important panel. ATA has been impressed by Ms. Andrew's ability to weigh the issues presented to the Board in a fair and capable manner.

We hope that you will join ATA in supporting the appointment of Kay Andrew.

Sincerely,

Dale A. Kelley

Dale A. Kelley

Executive Director

cc. Governor Walter J. Hickel

Kay Andrew

United Fishermen of Alaska

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

**UCIDA**

UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 389 • Kenai, Alaska 99611 - 0389
(907) 283-3600 • FAX (907) 283-3306

Sent by telefax
4/10/94

Mr. Bill Williams, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Subject: Confirmation hearing for Mr. Dick H. Bower
Alaska Board of Fisheries

UCIDA position: Neutral at this time

Dear Mr. Williams,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 commercial salmon drift permit holders in Cook Inlet. The UCIDA board of directors has had a difficult time in addressing Mr. Bower's candidacy. His resume notes that he has been an avid Kenai Peninsula sportfisherman since 1974 and that he currently resides on the banks of the Kenai River near Soldotna. However, Mr. Bower's local residency must be of short duration since he appears to be relatively unknown to local residents active in local fish and game issues.

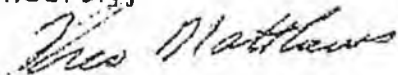
While it is certainly true that every allocation decision made by the Board of Fisheries can not please all parties, individual Board members must make these decisions. UCIDA feels that it is appropriate that a person knowledgeable in Southcentral sportfishing issues sit on the Board of Fisheries. Indeed, there is little doubt that we would be supporting the reappointments of Mr. Carlise and Mr. Elias had the Governor chosen to put their names forward. This would have been the case in spite of the fact that both gentlemen voted against every proposal to limit sport harvests and voted for four proposals that effectively reallocated more fish to non-commercial fisheries at the 1992 Cook Inlet hearings.

fisheries. Furthermore, of the three "commercial" members only one was to have an anadromous/herring interest. Unless the Task Force were to operate by consensus, any suggested salmon allocation scheme to come out of such a Task Force would, in our opinion, be weighted against the commercial salmon fishery.

As noted above, UCIDA is neutral at this time regarding Mr. Bower's confirmation. We hope your committee has the opportunity to discuss our concerns with Mr. Bower.

I would appreciate it if you would distribute our comments to the other Resource Committee members.

Sincerely,



Theo Matthews, Administrative Assistant

cc.

- Senator Little
- Senator Salo
- Representative Davis
- Representative Navarre
- Representative Phillips

M

Insert #2

RECEIVED

DRAFT

94 MAR 14 PM 4:24
BOARD OF FISHERIES

SUBJECT: Alaska Board of Fisheries, Cook Inlet Task Force

MISSION: To develop a comprehensive marine fisheries management plan for the Cook Inlet region of the state. Said plan to incorporate all appropriate elements of existing plans established for anadromous fish, shellfish, and ground fish. Plan shall have as its priority objective the protection of fisheries resources in this area and assure that all allocative harvest provisions maintain a sustained yield of any affected species. The comprehensive plan shall also incorporate elements relating to habitat, food chain and other biological factors affecting fisheries resources.

All elements of the plan shall be measured against appropriate sections of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Public Law 94-266) and the following provisions of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska:

Section 1 - Statement of Policy.

It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.

Section 2 - General Authority.

The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and water, for the maximum benefit of its people.

Section 3 - Common Use.

Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.

Section 4 - Sustained Yield.

Fish, forests, wildlife, grassland, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

Section 5 - Facilities and Improvements.

The legislature may provide for facilities, improvements, and services to assure greater utilization, development, reclamation, and settlement of land, and to assure fuller utilization and development of the fisheries, wildlife, and waters.

Section 6 - Deleted for this purpose.

Section 7 - Special Purpose Sites.

The legislature may provide for the acquisition of sites, objects, and areas of natural beauty or of historic, cultural, recreational, or scientific value. It may reserve them for the public domain and provide for their administration and preservation for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

(6) classifying as commercial fish, sport fish, guided sport fish, personal use fish, subsistence fish, or predators or other categories essential for regulatory purposes;

(7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of fish;

(8) investigating and determining the extent and effect of disease, predation, and competition among fish in the state, exercising control measures considered necessary to the resources of the state;

(9) prohibiting and regulating the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic fish or their eggs;

(10) establishing seasons, areas, quotas, and methods of harvest for aquatic plants;

(11) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of fishing licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between registration areas is allowed; however, this paragraph does not apply to permits issued or transferred under AS 16.43;

(12) regulating commercial, sport, guided sport, subsistence, and personal use fishing as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of fisheries;

(13) requiring, in a fishery, observers on board fishing vessels, as defined AS 16.05.475(d), that are registered under the laws of the state, as defined in AS 16.05.475(c), after making a written determination that an on-board observer program

- (A) is the only practical data-gathering or enforcement mechanism for that fishery;
- (B) will not unduly disrupt the fishery;
- (C) can be conducted at a reasonable cost; and
- (D) can be coordinated with observer programs of other agencies, including the National Marine Fisheries Service, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission;

(14) establishing nonexclusive, exclusive, and superexclusive registration and use areas for regulating commercial fishing;

(15) regulating resident or nonresident sport fishermen as needed for conservation, development, and utilization of fishery resources.

(b) (Repealed 12 ch 52 SLA 1986)

(c) deleted for this purpose.

(d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must, consistent with sustained yield and provisions of AS 16.05.258, provide a fair and reasonable opportunity for the taking of fishery resources by personal use, sport, and commercial fishermen.

(e) The Board of Fisheries may allocate fishery resources among personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fisheries. The Board shall adopt criteria for the allocation of fishery resources and shall use the criteria as appropriate to particular allocation decisions. The criteria may include factors such as

(1) the history of each personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishery;

Technical advice and support services:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Alaska State Troopers, Fish and Wildlife Protection Division
Department of Law, Attorney General's Office
Department of Environmental Conservation
Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Department of Natural Resources, Shore Fisheries Lease Section.
Division of State Parks, Division of Forestry
Department of Community & Regional Affairs
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Department of Labor
Education agencies
Appropriate federal agencies

Task Force membership selection process:

A nomination form will be developed.

Invitations to nominate will be sent to known groups or organizations in each category listed above.

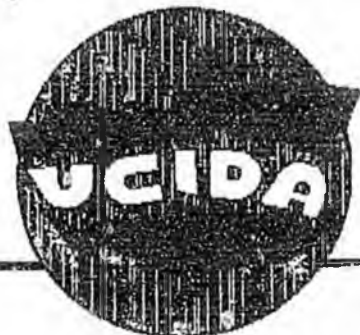
Public advertisement of Task Force purpose and membership nomination process will be made in the Cook Inlet region. Nomination form made available upon request.

Organizations may nominate individuals for appointment to the Task Force. Individuals may submit nominations, including self.

Nominations received will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection committee established by the Board. Telephone or personal interviews will be held with those persons deemed eligible and most qualified in their category. Recommended nominees for the Task Force will be referred to the full Board for official action.

Task Force is an ad-hoc appointment terminating with the adoption by the Board of Fisheries of the Cook Inlet Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plan growing out of its efforts.

A series of public hearings, physical presence or by teleconference, will be held in various locations within the Cook Inlet region during the period of the comprehensive plan development. Hearings will promote maximum public involvement in the process.

**UCIDA**

UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 389 • Kenai, Alaska 99611 - 0389
(907) 283-3600 • FAX (907) 283-3306

Mr. Bill Williams, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Sent by telefax
4/10/94

Subject: Confirmation hearing for Mr. Larry Engel
Alaska Board of Fisheries

UCIDA position: Opposed to Mr. Engel's confirmation

Dear Mr. Williams,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 commercial salmon drift permit holders in Cook Inlet. The UCIDA board of directors opposes Mr. Engel's candidacy. We are aware of his general qualifications as a retired sportfish biologist for ADF&G. Our opposition derives from our belief that Mr. Engel will not be able to impartially address sport/commercial allocation issues in Cook Inlet.

UCIDA is well aware of the strident opposition by Kenai, Anchorage and Mat-Su sport and guide groups to the reappointments of Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Elias and of their support for Mr. Engel. (Please see insert #1, Cook Inlet Sport Fishing Caucus Letter, Feb. 4, 1994 concerning the POM count on HB. 366). It is clear that the only yardstick that will be used by "sport groups" to evaluate a sportfishing board member's tenure on the board at the present time will be his/her vote on Kenai/Susitna sockeye allocation proposals.

It would be unfair to any nominee, including Mr. Engel, to merely assume that they would not be impartial. Our opposition is based on the following information:

1) As a fisheries consultant to the Mat-Su Borough, Mr. Engel has been employed since Nov. 1992 and up to the time of his nomination to the Board of Fisheries to represent the Borough before the Board of Fisheries

①

and to construct a fisheries strategy for the Borough. (Please see insert #2, Mat-Su AM Form 93-149 and Insert #3 Consultant/Contractor Modification form).

2) In Nov. 1992 Mr. Engel represented the Mat-Su Borough at the Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries hearings.

3) In March of 1993 Mr. Engel represented the Mat-Su Borough at the Board of Fisheries meeting where a statewide mixed stock salmon management policy was adopted.

Prior to the meeting Mr. Engel "met with or contacted" the Susitna Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Matanuska Valley Sportsmen, Northern District Set Netters Association, Alaska Sport Fish Association, M.S.C.V., Recreational River Advisory Board, Skwentna lodge owners and several Susitna River fishing guides among others. (Please see insert #4, Report to Donald M. Moore, Manager, Mat-Su Borough, April, 12, 1993).

The April 12, 1993 report to Mr. Moore included a four point plan that Mr. Engel recommended and which was eventually adopted by the Borough. (Please see insert #2). The first two points were:

a) Examine the merits of a legal challenge to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon, and

b) **The Borough should become actively involved in the selection of candidates to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (emphasis ours) and specifically the Borough should oppose the reconfirmation of Deborah Lyons to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.**

4) On April 13, 1993 the Mat-Su Borough passed resolution 93-041AM opposing the reconfirmation of Deborah Lyons as recommended by Mr. Engel. (Please see insert #5).

5) The Mat-Su Borough passed Resolution 94-003. This resolution, consistent with Mr. Engel's April 12, 1993 recommendation, opposed the reconfirmation of Mr. Tom Elias as a sportfishing representative on the Board of Fisheries. (Please see Insert #6, UCIDA has not obtained a signed copy, but we have been advised that this resolution passed).

6) The Mat-Su Borough passed Resolution 94-004. This resolution

supported HB 366/SB 241 which would mandate that "at least 15 percent of the sockeye salmon from Cook Inlet stocks taken in the commercial Cook Inlet drift gill net and east side Cook Inlet set net fisheries be utilized **exclusively** for sport fishing purposes in the Kenai, Susitna, and other river systems draining into Cook Inlet." (emphasis ours, Please see insert #7).

7) We are concerned that Mr. Engel may have been involved in the formulation and/or promotion of HB 366/SB 241. If this were the case, UCIDA does not feel that Mr. Engel could impartially weigh the presentations on sockeye salmon allocations which will inevitably be before the Board. Our concerns in this regard arise from a Feb. 4, 1994 memo from the Cook Inlet Sportfishing Caucus addressed to "L.E." among others. (Please see insert #1).

In conclusion, UCIDA opposes Mr. Engel's confirmation because he has been the primary formulator of an allocative fishery policy for the Mat-Su Borough. As such, Mr. Engel has formulated strategies with numerous interests groups that are adverse to the interests of our members. Mr. Engel and the Mat-Su Borough have opposed commercial and sport representatives on the Board who have not advanced the Mat-Su Borough cause. UCIDA finds it inconceivable that Mr. Engel would at this time be able to address allocation issues in Cook Inlet on an impartial basis. This is not to say that UCIDA does not respect Mr. Engel's right to be a consultant nor the Mat-Su Borough's right to advocate.

I would appreciate it if you would distribute our comments to the other Resources Committee members.

Sincerely,



Theo Matthews, Administrative Assistant
cc.

Senator Little
Senator Salo
Representative Davis
Representative Navarre
Representative Phillips

insert #1

FROM
JOE
FAX TO
pecky
203-3306

Cook Inlet Sportfishing Caucus
3620 Penland Parkway
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
(907) 276-2222

February 4, 1994

To:

B.P. B.B.
D.D. (& T.O.) B.E.
P.C. & P.C.
R.R. J.K.
L.E. R.B.
E.M. (& staff) J.R. (and everyone else who has given their support).....

OUR HARD WORK IS PAYING OFF....

Here are the standings from last Wednesday, 4/2/94 through today, 4/9/94.....**CONGRATULATIONS CREW - WE'RE ON OUR WAY** (and lookin' good too may I add).....

Wednesday -	(us/them) 39/292	Monday -	176/306
Thursday -	60/295	Tuesday -	205/309
Friday -	140/299	Wednesday -	220/310
Monday -	176/306	Thursday -	251/316
Tuesday -	205/309	Friday -	502 285/321 ← 4:00 pm update

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for all your support, help, assistance, advisement, dedication and devotion you have given to our cause.....

→ (P.S. - Congrats. to Larry Engel and Dick Bower - "Way to go Guys".....)

Kathy Lewis
CI SC

6-8-93
A. G. Hill

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT
CONTROL & AM FORM

Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 East Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

For Agenda of: June 15, 1993

No. AM 93-149

SUBJECT: Status Report on Board of Fisheries and Four-Point Strategy for Continuing Efforts on Susitna Basin Salmon Fishery

ATTACHMENTS: Fiscal Note: Yes No

Route to:	Department/Committee/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator		
	Clerk		
3	Assistant to the Manager	MS	
	Attorney		
2	Finance Director	FD	
1	Planning Director	PD	
	Assessor		
	Public Works Director		
4	Mayor		

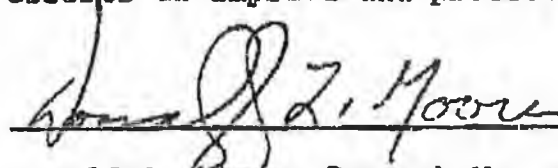
SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has been submitting proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries addressing the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan for the last five years. To date, we have made very modest progress in our efforts. A chronological summary of the borough's efforts is attached.

Mr. Larry Engel was hired to represent the borough at the November 1992 Board of Fisheries meeting and has been working with the borough in its efforts to improve management of the Susitna Basin Salmon Fishery since that time. On April 13, 1993, Mr. Engel reported to the Assembly on actions taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the March 1993 meeting. At that time he recommended the Assembly adopt a four-point strategy for continuing efforts to improve and protect the Susitna Basin Salmon Fishery. They are summarized below.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption by the Assembly of the four-point strategy for continuing efforts to improve and protect the Susitna Basin Salmon Fishery.

APPROVED BY:



Donald L. Moore, Borough Manager

- 1) Exam the merits of a legal challenge to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon. This could include a serious legal review of the Northern District lawsuit and depending on the outcome of the review the Borough may or may not wish to join the lawsuit or initiate a borough sponsored suit. The Borough could also evaluate additional avenues of legal relief relating to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon or the manner in which existing regulations are implemented.
- 2) The borough should become actively involved in the selection of candidates to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and specifically the Borough should oppose the re-confirmation of Deborah Lyons to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. (The Assembly did adopt a resolution opposing the re-confirmation of Deborah Lyons; the Alaska Legislature did not re-confirm her this year.)
- 3) The borough should consider getting involved with inseason monitoring of the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery. By doing so the borough should be able to apply timely pressure on management decisions that affect Susitna Basin salmon. Also, the borough should contact Commissioner Rosier and request a summary of the various salmon management systems that ADF&G staff will employ during 1993 in Upper Cook Inlet and steps being taken to estimate the stock composition of the intercept harvest near Kodiak.
- 4) The borough should consider maintaining and encouraging the ad hoc committee that has been working with Mr. Moore on fishery issues.

Adoption by the Assembly of this four-point strategy is recommended at this time. This action will allow borough staff to continue in the efforts toward better management of the Susitna Basin Salmon Fishery. Such action will also alert Commissioner Rosier and his staff to the fact that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will be closely monitoring ADF&G's management of the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon fishery.

**CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY
FISHERIES ALLOCATION PROJECT**

April 5, 1988 - Mr. Roland G. Elledge, a commercial set netter, appeared before the Assembly to discuss Northern District Fisheries of the Upper Cook Inlet. As a result of Mr. Elledge's appearance planning staff was requested to research and report back to the Assembly on issues raised by Mr. Elledge.

August 24, 1988 - Planning staff recommended submittal of five proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries addressing the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan.

September 5, 1988 - The Assembly adopted Resolution No. 88-178 requesting the Alaska Board of Fisheries to consider the five proposals.

November-December 1988 - The Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting for Upper Cook Inlet was held in Anchorage. None of the five proposals were adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

February 30, 1990 - The Assembly adopted Resolution No. 90-023 requesting the Alaska Board of Fisheries to again consider the five proposals during the November 1990 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting to be held in Anchorage.

November 1990 - The Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting for Upper Cook Inlet was held in Anchorage. Again, none of the five proposals were adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

January 17, 1991 - The Matanuska-Susitna Borough filed a complaint against the State of Alaska for failure to respond to our request for public records pertaining to Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan.

April 10, 1992 - The five proposals were forwarded to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for consideration at the Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting to be held during November 1992 in Anchorage.

April 1992 - The complaint filed in January 1991 was dismissed by the Borough.

1992 Legislative Session - The Alaska Legislature mandated that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopt by regulation a policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries that is consistent with sustained yield of wild fish stocks.

November 9, 1992 - The borough contracted with Larry Engel doing business as Mat-Su Fisheries to represent the Borough during the November 1992 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting.

November 1992 - The Alaska Board of Fisheries took action which partially addressed the Borough's concerns on one of the five proposals.

February 10, 1993 - The Northern District Sex Netters Association filed suit against the State of Alaska claiming: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) management of northern bound salmon violates sustained yield clause of the State Constitution; present allocation of salmon among users is unreasonable and an abuse of discretion; and Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan should be amended to be consistent with the Alaska Board of Fisheries mixed stock salmon policy.

March 1993 - The borough contracted with Larry Engel dba Mat-Su Fisheries to represent the Borough at the March 1993 Board of Fisheries meeting on management policy of mixed stock fisheries.

March 1993 - The Alaska Board of Fisheries developed a mixed stock salmon policy which basically maintained the status quo regarding management of mixed stock fisheries throughout the state.

March 31, 1993 - The United Cook Inlet Drift Association supported the Alaska Department of Fish and Game management policies by filing a motion in response to the lawsuit filed by the Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet.

April 12, 1993 - Larry Engel reported back to the Assembly and recommended the following course of action:

- 1) Exam the merits of a legal challenge to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon. This could include a serious legal review of the Northern District lawsuit and depending on the outcome of the review the Borough may or may not wish to join the lawsuit or initiate a borough sponsored suit. The Borough could also evaluate additional avenues of legal relief relating to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon or the manner in which existing regulations are implemented.
- 2) The borough should become actively involved in the selection of candidates to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and specifically the Borough should oppose the re-confirmation of Deborah Lyons to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- 3) The borough should consider getting involved with inseason monitoring of the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery. By doing so the borough should be able to apply timely pressure on management decisions that affect Susitna Basin salmon. Also, the borough should contact Commissioner Rosier and request a summary of the various

salmon management systems that ADF&G staff will employ during 1993 in Upper Cook Inlet and steps being taken to estimate the stock composition of the intercept harvest near Kodiak.

- 4) The borough should consider maintaining and encouraging the ad hoc committee that has been working with Mr. Moore on fishery issues.

April 13, 1993 - Matanuska-Susitna Borough adopted Resolution 93-041AM opposing the re-confirmation of Deborah Lyons to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

April 27, 1993 - Deborah Lyons was not re-confirmed by the Alaska Legislature.

May 6, 1993 - A letter from Commissioner Rosier to Larry Engel indicated: the focus of management measures of ADF&G will be an attempt to move Northern District stocks through various Cook Inlet fisheries to the Susitna drainage; it is the Commissioner's intent to submit an agenda change request to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for consideration at the fall 1993 meeting which, if accepted, would result in consideration of the Northern District issue at a meeting in 1994 rather than 1995.

May 14, 1993 - Carl Rosier, Commissioner of ADF&G, accepted Mr. Moore's invitation and appeared at a public meeting sponsored by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to address concerns over current management policies of Upper Cook Inlet salmon. Approximately 75 people attended the public meeting. Commissioner Rosier did not identify any specific plans for management of the Cook Inlet fishery during the meeting but did indicate that his staff was meeting in Anchorage to discuss the management plan for Cook Inlet. No specific promises were made to change the status quo.

MSB 143

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PURCHASING DIVISION OF FINANCE

CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR MODIFICATION

PROJECT NAME Fisheries Consulting Services CHANGE ORDER #1 (one)
MSB ACCOUNT #100-100-110-426-900 DATE PREPARED July 8, 1993
MSB PURCHASE ORDER #40183 CONTRACT DATED November 9, 1992

CONSULTANT'S/CONTRACTOR'S NAME/ADDRESS:

Vendor # 8637 Larry Engel, Mat-Su Fisheries Services, PO Box 197, Palmer, Alaska
99645-0197

You are hereby authorized and directed to make the following change in the above referenced contract:

Please see attached Appendix A - SCOPE OF WORK

For this modification, the total sum of \$2,500.00 is hereby added/deducted to the total contract price, and the new total adjusted contract price to date is \$6,600.00.

This document shall become a supplement to the contract and all provisions of the contract shall apply thereto.

Recommended by: [Signature] Director Date 7/13/93

Accepted by: _____ Consultant/Contractor Date _____

Accepted by: [Signature] Finance Director Date 7/14/93

Approved by: [Signature] Borough Manager Date 10 Jul 93

The Mat-Su Fisheries Services (consultant/contractor) waives, discharges, and releases any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and the like it has, or may have, against the Matanuska-Susitna Borough arising out of consultant's actual performance of work on that area of the project known as the Consulting Services under the November 9, 1992 agreement between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Mat-Su Fisheries Services.

CONTRACT SUMMARY

Original Contract Sum	\$2,100.00	Previous Total	\$4,100.00
Previous Additions	\$2,000.00	This Change Add	\$2,500.00
Previous Deductions	\$ _____	new Contract Total	\$6,600.00
Previous Contract Days	<u>108</u>	Add days	<u>365</u>
		New Total Contract Days	<u>473</u>

APPROVALS REQUIRED

Finance Director: If not previously approved by Assembly Memorandum required for all increases of \$15,000 and above. AM # _____ is attached. (Ref. MSB Code 3.05.170)

[Handwritten signature]
7/14/93

①

APPENDIX "A"
SCOPE OF WORK

Review the Upper Cook Inlet commercial fishery, at least weekly, to determine what (if any) harvest strategies are being used to insure adequate salmon escapements into Susitna Basin drainages.

Present findings on a timely basis to the Borough manager or his designee.

Present Borough concerns regarding escalating king salmon harvests in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska to North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Provide a written report and oral presentation to the Assembly that summarizes management actions directed at Upper Cook Inlet salmon stocks during 1993. Report to include recommendations for future courses of action regarding Susitna Basin salmon.

This modification is for contract year beginning July 1, 1993 and continuing through June 30, 1994.

MAT-SU FISHERIES SERVICES

P.O. BOX 197
Palmer, AK 99645

(907) 745-4132

April 12, 1993

Donald M. Moore, Manager
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 E. Dahlia Ave.
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Mr. Moore:

Attached please find a summary report regarding recent actions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). The BOF met from March 16 to March 21 in Anchorage to develop a statewide mixed stock salmon management policy.

Prior to this meeting I met with or contacted various fishery users in the borough to encourage their involvement in the development of this important policy. The individuals or groups that I contacted included but were not limited to the following: Susitna Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Matanuska Valley Sportsmen, Northern District Set Netters Association, Alaska Sportfish Association, M.S.C.V., Recreational River Advisory Board, Skwentna lodge owners and several Susitna River fishing guides. Additionally, I provided testimony relating to the borough's fishery concerns to area legislators at a public meeting in Wasilla. Senator Halford, Representatives Menard and Carney were present at the Wasilla meeting. Two days before the BOF meeting I also participated in a meeting in Anchorage that was called to develop, if possible, a unified approach toward mixed stock salmon management. The group consisted of fishery users from Cook Inlet north to the Bethel area. About onehalf of the participants represented sport interests with the balance consisting of commercial set net fishermen. A member of Senator Lincoln's staff was also present. Individuals attending this meeting generally agreed to press for a mixed stock policy that fairly divides both harvest and conservation burden among competing fisheries. Terminal users such as Susitna Basin sport anglers and Northern District set netters, as you know, often share nearly the entire burden of conservation when weak runs occur.

The March 16 BOF meeting began with a series of brief fish and game staff reports followed by 3-1/2 days of public testimony. Over 100 individuals expressed personal or group opinions regarding the statewide mixed stock salmon policy. Testimony was limited to 5 minutes per individual but questions and answers following testimony were not limited. Commercial fishing

Donald M. Moore

-2-

April 12, 1993

interests dominated the public testimony. Poor attendance by sport fishermen differed sharply from the November BOF meeting when sport and commercial interests were nearly equally represented. Legislators were also absent at the March meeting.

Although participation by sport fishermen was generally low there were a number of Mat-Su residents in attendance. In fact, more local fishery users were present than the total number of sport fishermen from Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula combined. Several lodge owners from the Skwentna-Lake Creek area once again committed significant time to the hearings. The local Trout Unlimited Chapter and Matanuska Valley Sportsmen also had representatives. A member of the Recreational River Advisory Board also provided testimony as did a couple of Susitna fishing guides.

As the public testimony portion of the meeting unfolded it became apparent that there were two major opposing views regarding mixed stock management. On one hand there were commercial fishing groups that strongly advocated harvesting salmon in mixed stock situations often far from natal streams. Individuals with this philosophy were represented by the well financed Peninsula Marketing Association (PMA). Opposing the PMA "intercept" concept were commercial and sport fishermen that supported local coastal and inriver salmon management strategies i.e. harvest salmon whenever practical after the fish have separated into more discrete stocks.

As your representative I sided with the terminal (local coast or inriver) management concept. Virtually all sport fishermen at the meeting shared the belief that salmon should not be harvested by expanding mixed stock fisheries that often occur hundreds of miles from spawning streams. Throughout the meeting I and other Mat-Su residents lobbied for: 1) a policy that would provide fair and reasonable sharing of harvestable surpluses by terminal fishery users; and 2) a policy that would not require terminal users to carry the entire burden of conservation during times of low salmon abundance.

After the "terminal/intercept" debate subsided the BOF deliberated on and ultimately developed a mixed stock salmon policy that contained little substance in my opinion. The new policy attempts to maintain the status quo regarding management of mixed stock fisheries throughout the state. The policy does contain references to curtailment of new or expanding mixed stock fisheries and to how the burden of conservation should be shared among competing fisheries. These two aspects of the policy may become useful "tools" when the BOF revisits Cook Inlet in three years but until that time the policy will do nothing to change the current management of Cook Inlet salmon.

(2)

Donald M. Moore

-3-

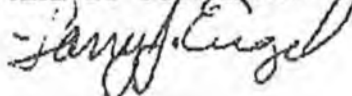
April 12, 1993

Although the policy will not provide immediate benefits for borrough fishery resources the March meeting did allow us to once again focus attention on the depressed condition of some Susitna Basin salmon stocks. During the mixed stock debate the Susitna River was frequently used as an example of what can happen when an intercepting mixed stock fishery gets out of balance with stock abundance. Commissioner Carl Rosier while addressing the mixed stock policy included the Susitna River salmon in his department's three most serious conservation concerns. The commissioner, as he did during the November BOF meeting, stated that his department must do a better job of allowing adequate escapement into northern Cook Inlet drainages.

The mixed stock policy is explained in greater detail in the attached report. If I can assist you with future fishery matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MAT-SU FISHERIES SERVICES



Larry Engel
Biologist

2

Board of Fishery Meeting
International Airport Inn
Anchorage, Alaska
March 1993

INTRODUCTION

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) developed a policy for the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries at a public meeting starting in Anchorage on March 16. The BOF has considered mixed stock fishery policies several times and has formerly adopted two policies. In 1990 the State court (Gilbert vs State) ruled that the mixed stock policy in place at that time could not be used by the BOF as a basis for making regulations. The Court ruled that the policy, developed in 1980, was never properly adopted under the Administrative Procedures Act.

In 1992 the Alaska Legislature amended AS 16.06.251 to require the BOF to adopt by regulation a policy for the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries.

BACKGROUND

The Alaska Constitution mandates management of fishery resources on a sustained yield basis. Sustained yield for salmon is achieved by managing the harvest to insure that adequate spawning escapement is met on an annual basis. Unless otherwise directed by regulation the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) manages, where possible for maximum sustained yield. It is recognized that a wide range of sustainable yields are possible for salmon fisheries e.g. sustainable yields may range from maximum downward to a level that just keeps the stock off the federal endangered species list. It should also be recognized that there are many fisheries where ADF&G lacks the necessary management program and scientific information to manage for maximum sustained yield.

Achievement of maximum sustained yield is particularly difficult to obtain for all stocks in complex mixed stocked fisheries and attainment of this lofty goal becomes nearly impossible when salmon are harvested by sequential mixed stock fisheries. Mixed stock harvesting often elevates the management risk of over harvesting less productive fish stocks and almost always increases the cost of management. The cost of management increases because it is essential and frequently difficult to identify the stocks harvested in complex mixed stock fisheries. ADF&G commonly does not receive adequate funds to responsibly manage many mixed stock fisheries.

Donald M. Moore

-2-

April 12, 1993

New or expanding mixed stock fisheries generally intercept stocks that are already fully utilized by existing fisheries. In many cases the "traditional" fishery is often pre-empted to prevent overfishing. This pre-emption frequently occurs because run strength of many stocks often cannot be accurately assessed until the salmon arrive in coastal waters or inriver.

Salmon stocks that have their origin in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are intercepted in both new and long standing mixed stock commercial fisheries. These fisheries take place within the confines of Cook-Inlet as well as in the Gulf of Alaska primarily near Kodiak Island. With the exception of king salmon most Susitna bound salmon are currently harvested commercially in the Central District of Cook Inlet i.e. south of the Forelands. During recent years the expansion of the commercial seine fleet near Kodiak Island has placed an added but not well quantified harvest demand on salmon bound for Cook-Inlet. The new/expanding fishery near Kodiak requires stock identification studies to determine the specific origin of the fish harvested by this fishery. To date, ADF&G has not funded such studies therefore the fishery is being prosecuted without an understanding of impacts on coastal or inriver fisheries.

Management of Susitna salmon clearly illustrates the conflict that exists between intercepting and terminal fishery users. Without direction from the BOF the ADF&G does not normally attempt to control the harvest of Susitna salmon unless the runs are gauged to be weak. Run strength cannot be accurately estimated until the fish enter coastal or inriver fisheries. Therefore, the burden of conservation falls heavily on the shoulders of terminal fishery users i.e. Northern District set netters and Susitna sport fishermen. Many salmon stocks that have their origin in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are currently being managed at levels well below maximum sustained yield. However, virtually all stocks are currently being managed at sustainable levels. While the conservation of Susitna salmon is a concern, most stocks have not yet declined to what might be considered a biological crisis. Management of many Susitna salmon has become a byproduct of harvest strategies directed at achieving full utilization (maximum yield) of Kenai Peninsula salmon. Northern District set net fishermen, sport fishermen and the sport fishing industries within the Susitna Basin are being negatively impacted by mixed stock management that consistently produces yields that are well below maximum.

(5)

Donald M. Moore

-3-

April 12, 1993

MIXED STOCK POLICY

During the March 16 meeting the BOF received testimony from over 100 individuals. Most of this testimony came from commercial fishing interests. It became immediately apparent there were two polarized views concerning management of mixed stock fisheries. One view, which I will call the "terminal concept," held that optimum harvest and escapement levels cannot consistently be achieved until discrete stocks have separated from mixed stocks and the fish have arrived in areas near their natal streams. The other view, which I will term the "intercept concept" holds that there is nothing inherently wrong with mixed stock harvesting. I have attached position papers detailing these two concepts. The Peninsula Marketing Association (PMA) was a leading proponent of the intercept concept. The PMA group argued that mixed stock harvesting is biologically sound as long as management systems are in place to identify and estimate individual stock abundance while the fisheries are being prosecuted. i.e. sound management requires good information regardless of where the fish are harvested. Supporters of the terminal concept countered this argument by noting that reliable management systems are often costly and not available to the ADF&G and this is often the case with new/expanding mixed stock fisheries. The former BOF policy statement on the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries that had been in effect (without the force of law) since 1980 closely aligned with the terminal concept of management (see attached copy of 1980 policy)

After considerable debate the BOF drafted a mixed stock policy that failed to meet the expectations of many fishery users. (see attached policy). The policy was carefully crafted to insure that there would be no immediate disruptions to existing mixed stock fisheries. This, of course, means that the management of Susitna salmon cannot be altered by provisions of the plan until the BOF revisits Cook Inlet in three years. The new policy does state "when it is necessary to restrict fisheries on stocks where there are known conservation problems the burden of conservation shall be shared among all fisheries in close proportion to their respective harvest on the stock of concern." This statement may in the future become a useful force to insure a more equitable sharing of both the conservation and harvest of Susitna bound salmon.

The language in the policy that states "The board will restrict new or expanding mixed stock fisheries unless otherwise provided for by a management plan" may likewise

①

Donald M. Moore

-4-

April 12, 1993

RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION

be a tool to curtail or control the expanding intercept fishery that has developed near Kodiak Island. The expanding Kodiak fishery will be examined next year by the BOF.

I believe the fishery resources of our borough have achieved some gains during recent BOF meetings. If you desire to maintain or continue to enhance the fisheries of this area I urge you to stay involved with fishery management issues. Individuals or groups that currently harvest most of the salmon that our rivers and streams produce can be expected to work hard to maintain their harvest advantage. The task of obtaining responsible and fair management for Susitna bound salmon will not be easy. I recommend that you consider the following issues if you desire to affect change in the management of Cook Inlet salmon.

1. You should have your attorney or other council examine the merits of a legal challenge to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon. On February 10 the Northern District Set Netters Association filed for injunctive relief in the state Superior Court. This suit claims that the ADF&G management of northern bound salmon violates the sustained yield clause in the State Constitution, that the present allocation of salmon among users is unreasonable and an abuse of discretion and that the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan should be amended to be consistent with the recently adopted BOF mixed stock salmon policy.

A serious legal review of the Northern District law suit would seem to be prudent. Depending on the outcome of this review you may or may not wish to join this suit or initiate a borough sponsored suit. You should further evaluate additional avenues of legal relief relating to the current management of Cook Inlet salmon or the manner in which existing regulations were implemented. Such a review should reveal whether a legal challenge is warranted and in the borough's best interest at this time.

2. You should become actively involved in the selection of candidates to the BOF. The seven member BOF presently has three members with recreational fishing expertise and four members that are engaged in commercial fishing. Two incumbents and a new candidate are presently being considered for conformation by the legislature. Two of the three have commercial backgrounds. I recommend that you oppose the appointment of Debra Lyons to the BOF.

⑦

Donald M. Moore

-5-

April 12, 1993

Mrs. Lyons has consistently opposed the views of sport fishermen and their supporting industries. The House Resource Committee recently voted against her appointment to the BOF. The Senate Resource Committee, as a body, neither supported nor opposed her re-appointment to the BOF, however, two members of the committee stated they would vote no when she came before the full Senate for a vote. Both the full House and Senate will vote on BOF candidates within the next few weeks. If Mrs. Lyons is rejected the governor will likely appoint another person with a commercial background to fill the vacancy. Rumors are that Kate Erickson, a set netter from Ketchikan, would get the seat. Rejection of Lyons, however, would send a message to the BOF that the public will no longer tolerate members with highly visible bias. Her views on sport fishing were very evident during the March BOF meeting when she stated that she did not have a problem with Alaska's sport fisherman having some fish for their table but she could not see sharing our salmon with out-of-state tourists!

3. You should also consider getting involved with the inseason monitoring of the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery. Commissioner Roiser and BOF members have on numerous occasions stated in public that the ADF&G must do a better job in securing desired escapement into the Susitna Basin. You should not let this pledge go unfulfilled. By functioning as an inseason "watchdog" you should be able to apply timely pressure on management decisions that affect Susitna Basin salmon. To function in this capacity you simply need to request through the commissioner that the ADF&G provides you on a weekly basis by Fax with the following: the daily and cumulative commercial harvests for Upper Cook Inlet by sub-statistical area and species; the daily and cumulative escapement of salmon by species for all river systems that are monitored by weir or sonar and all emergency orders directed at Upper Cook Inlet commercial, personal use and sport salmon fisheries. This basic information will allow you to determine whether the ADF&G is attempting to pass salmon through the Central District into Susitna Basin drainages. If you detect a serious effort in this regard, you may wish to express timely support for the program. On the other hand if you find that the ADF&G is not attempting to meet the Commissioner's pledge then you should use every means at your disposal to get them to do so.

I would further recommend that you contact Commissioner Roiser at the close of this year's legislative session and request that he provide you with a summary of the various salmon management systems that his staff will employ during 1993 in Upper Cook Inlet. You should also inquire about

⑧

Donald M. Moore

-6-

April 12, 1993

what, if any, steps are being taken to estimate the stock composition of the mushrooming intercept harvest near Kodiak. Requests such as those that I have outlined will inform the ADF&G that you are going to stay involved in Cook Inlet salmon management until significant changes occur. In other words let the ADF&G know you are dead set on remaining a key player in the high stakes management of Cook Inlet salmon.

4. You should consider maintaining and encouraging the ad hoc committee that has been working with Mr. Moore on fishery issues. Bringing various groups together that share common interests is often an important first step in finding solutions to problems. There remains a definite need for improved organization and unity among the various local users of our fishery resources.

Prepared by

Mat-Su Fisheries Services



Larry J. Engel
Biologist

9

insert #5

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 93- 041AM

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING THE RECONFIRMATION OF DEBORAH LYONS TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a prime sport fishing destination for Alaska residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly has actively promoted sport fishing in the borough; and

WHEREAS, during her present tenure on the Alaska Board of Fisheries Ms. Lyons has repeatedly sought to limit the ability and opportunity of sport fishermen in favor of commercial intercept fisheries; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Ms. Lyons predisposition to favor commercial fishermen over sports fishermen, she has exhibited a propensity to non objectively evaluate the issues coming before the board and therefore cannot present an unbiased consideration of all positions as she is charged with doing; and

WHEREAS, there is statewide opposition to the reconfirmation of Ms. Lyons from sport fishing groups, fishermen and native organizations.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly opposes the reconfirmation of Deborah Lyons to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 13 day of April, 1993.

Ernest W. Brannon
ERNEST W. BRANNON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda A. Dahl
LINDA A. DAHL, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

CLX\51\RES093-041

Post-It [®] brand fax transmittal memo 7871		# of pages = 1	
To <u>Peggy Mmes</u>	From <u>Alaska</u>		
Co. <u>001</u>	City <u>Mat-Su Borough</u>		
Dept.	Phone #		
Fax # <u>283-3306</u>	Fax #		

93- 041AM

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENTS
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

insert #6

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 94-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING THE RECONFIRMATION OF TOM ELIAS TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a prime sport fishing destination for Alaska residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly has actively promoted sport fishing in the borough; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Elias was appointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries as one of the three "sport fishing" representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elias has consistently and repeatedly opposed proposals which would have resulted in a more equitable sharing of the resource; and

WHEREAS, there is statewide opposition to the reconfirmation of Mr. Elias from sport fishing groups.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly opposes the reconfirmation of Tom Elias to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this _____ day of _____, 1994.

ERNEST W. BRANNON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA A. DALL, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

Insert # 7

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 94-004**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a prime sport fishing destination for Alaska residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly has actively promoted sport fishing in the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has on several occasions submitted proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries which addressed the allocation of this important resource; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has chosen not to take action on the fair and equitable allocation of this important resource; and

WHEREAS, the House and Senate Bills relating to the management of Cook Inlet sockeye salmon address the allocation of this resource

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the House and Senate Bills relating to the management of Cook Inlet sockeye salmon and the requirement that at least 15 percent of the sockeye salmon from Cook Inlet stocks taken in the commercial Cook Inlet drift gill net and east side Cook Inlet set net fisheries be utilized exclusively for sport fishing purposes in the Kenai, Susitna, and other river systems draining into Cook Inlet.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this _____ day of _____, 1994.

ERNEST W. BRANNON, Borough Mayor

TESTE

LINDA A. DAHL, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

733 WEST 4TH AVENUE SUITE 881 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501 (907) 279-6519

April 8, 1994

House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Chairman Williams and members of the committee:

The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association represents commercial subsistence and sport fishermen in the Yukon and Tanana rivers.

We urge you to reject the confirmation of Kay Andrew to the Board of Fisheries: She should be rejected for the following reasons:


As chair, she:

- conducted meetings poorly and with bias
- adopted an overly prosecutorial/inquistorial tone with certain members of the public
- treated ADF&G staff poorly and refused to recognize ADF&G staff when they had their hand raised to speak
- tried to trick members of the public into blaming Bristol Bay for chum problems

As a member:

- ignored her duty to conservation by refusing to take any regulatory action to lower the bycatch of western Alaska chum salmon in Area M despite clear scientific evidence to the contrary presented by ADF&G Commissioner
- ignored her duty to conservation by allowing continued interception of Cook Inlet red salmon by Kodiak seine fleet.
- ignored the priority for subsistence use

Sincerely,



Harry Wilde, Sr., co-chair
Mountain Village



Virgil Umphenour, co-chair
North Pole

Coastal and In River Fisheries Alliance

Frank A. Charles - Executive Director
P.O. Box 912
Bethel, Alaska 99559
(907) 543-2608
Fax (907) 543-2479

John Hayes - Deputy Director
2310 E. 20th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 272-3943
Fax (907) 272-5149

Page Herring - Deputy Director
P.O. Box 178837
Wasilla, Alaska 99687
(907) 376-9243
Fax (907) 376-7243

April 8, 1994

Representative Bill Williams
Chair House Resources Committee
Room 128
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Williams,

CIRFA, representing terminal stream fisheries in Alaska, opposes the confirmation of Mr. Dick Bowers of Soldotna and Ms. Kay Andrew of Ketchikan to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

At first, CIRFA's involvement with the two appointees appeared to be a positive one. Unfortunately, the two, by voting against a Chum Cap in Area M, based on faulty reasoning, clearly demonstrated that they are/were not capable of seeing through the background noise (always prevalent at Board of Fisheries meetings) and voting for or deliberating for the protection of migrating Western Alaska Chum Salmon. In addition the two members were not all supportive of any restrictive measures in Kodiak/North Shelikoff to protect migrating Cook Inlet bound Sockeye. Their non-support of restrictions in North Shelikoff continues to place Cook Inlet Bound Sockeye at the mercy of targeting by the Kodiak fleet. By voting to establish a task force to address this continuing intercept fishery only delays and compounds an ongoing problem.

It was evident that Ms. Andrew was voting to protect Southeast Alaska from the possibility of the same measures being enacted there at some time in the future. However, CIRFA believes that the AYK/Area M dispute over Chum salmon and the North Shelikoff Straits intercept of non-local Sockeye are "standalone" problems, ones that would not provide a litmus test of the Mixed Stock Fisheries Policy (regulation) or be enacted elsewhere in the state. Clearly the problem of depressed Chum Salmon stocks is and should be based on biological facts and solutions and not on an economic or political basis.

Mr. Bower, who at first voted for the Chum Cap and subsequently turned over the following day, based his reasoning on pure procedure and policy. This was done in the face of a clearly defined biological crisis. The department several times during the meeting, clearly pointed out that something had to be done in Area M. However this went unheeded by both Mr. Bower and Ms. Andrew.

The lack of experience and leadership by both Ms. Andrew and Mr. Bower will and can be a detriment to the public process established by previous boards. Neither of the two have

~~CIRFA~~

Letter of opposition to Mr. Bowers and Ms. Kay Andrew - Page 2

demonstrated that they can learn from their experiences on the board. Although limited to just a few meetings this last year, it was enough for those who have followed the process to surmise that they will or cannot continue to grow or develop as fishery policy makers or regulators.

Certainly the State of Alaska can learn from this lesson and place on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, people who genuinely care for our most important renewable resource and look to every measure and action to keep any of our resources from risk.

If I can be of further assistance or you have any questions relating these concerns or others, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,


Frank L. Charles, Executive Director



April 8, 1994

Representative Bill Williams
Chair House Resources Committee
Room 128
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

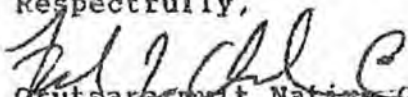
Dear Representative Williams,

Our Council, representing the Native Community of Bethel, would like to go on record in opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Dick Bowers and Ms. Kay Andrew to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The two appointees, who at first seemed to recognize the biological and social concerns for Western Alaska Chum Salmon, have not at all demonstrated a true concern for this depressed and necessary resource.

We believe that their votes were not at all motivated by the dire situation of Western Alaska Chum Salmon, that was reflected by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game at the last Board of Fisheries meeting in March 1994. Against the recommendation of Mr. Carl Rosier and his staff, these two members voted against the protective measures that could have been enacted in Area M to further safeguard Western Alaska Chum Salmon. Their votes and respective deliberative discussions did not take into account the biological risk that these salmon face or for that matter the 30,000 plus people who will now bear virtually all of the conservation burden and subsequent effects of continued poor returns of Chum Salmon.

We believe that Mr. Dick Bower and Ms. Kay Andrew, if allowed to stay on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, will continue to kowtow to political and financial interests to the detriment of all Alaskans and most especially, place our most important renewable resource at risk.

Respectfully,


~~Orutsararmuit Native Council~~
Henry Hunter, Chairman

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 94-029 (AM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF LARRY ENGEL TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a prime sport fishing destination for Alaska residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly has actively promoted sport fishing in the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is very concerned about the management of Alaska's Salmon Fishery; and


WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has taken an active role in expressing this concern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Engel, a highly respected retired biologist of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has for many years worked on salmon management issues and policies; and

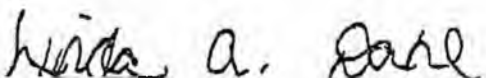
WHEREAS, Mr. Engel has the knowledge and expertise to make decisions on the Alaska Board of Fisheries which will protect this important resource for the State of Alaska and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the confirmation of Larry Engel to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of March, 1994.


ERNEST W. BRANNON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LINDA A. DAHL, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

Re: Larry Engle Confirmation

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA RECREATIONAL RIVERS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the representatives of the various user groups appointed by the Governor pursuant to the Recreational Rivers Act (AS 41.23.400- 41.23.510) represent the following groups:

- 1. Commercial Fishing;
- 2. Sport Fishing;
- 3. Sport Hunting;
- 4. Conservation;
- 5. Subsistence;
- 6. Forest products;
- 7. Mining;
- 8. Power boat users;
- 9. Recreationally-oriented commercial users;
- 10. Other recreational users;
- 11. Private property owners within the recreational rivers corridors;
- 12. Representatives of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

and;

WHEREAS, the advisory board is mandated under the Recreational Rivers Act to work with the Commissioner of Natural Resources to provide for diversified recreational use of all land within the corridors for the Little Susitna, Talkeetna, Deshka, Alexander, Talachulitna Rivers and Lake Creek;

and

WHEREAS, the users of the above rivers amount to a substantial percentage of all licensed fishermen in the state of Alaska and such users are extremely concerned about allocation and management of fishery resources in Upper Cook Inlet;

and

WHEREAS, the advisory board met and conferred on March 16, 1994, and decided to voice the board's unanimous approval of the appointment of Mr. Larry Engle to the State Board of Fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Alaska Recreational Rivers Advisory Board on behalf of user groups on the six rivers, numbering into the tens of thousands, hereby endorse the appointment of Larry Engle to the State Board of Fisheries and

Post-It brand fax transmittal memo 767		# of pages 2	
To Rep. Williams	From Montgomery		
Co.	Co. DNR		
Dept.	Phone # 762-2253		
Fax # 465-3793	Fax # 561-022-1		

urge the members of the legislature to confirm this appointment. Larry Engle provides a rare blend of personal and professional involvement, over many years, in the management of fish, including the full spectrum of both recreational and commercial aspects of the industry. More importantly, after years of work in the field, he remains an individual who can bring substantial energy and an abiding interest to the process of resolving the demands of competing users. He is a good choice and one that offers the promise of real assistance to his fellow board members, as well as the public.

DATED this 17th day of March, 1994.

RECREATIONAL FISHERY ADVISORY BOARD

By:


NOEL H. KOPPERUD, President

AVCP

Association of Village Council Presidents
P.O. Box 210 • Bethel, Alaska 99559 • Phone 543-3521

April 8, 1994

Governor Walter J. Hickel
Office of The Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Re: Board of Fisheries, Kay Andrews, Dick Bowers

Dear Governor Hickel:

In light of the recent votes cast by the two (2) individuals, Kay Andrews and Dick Bowers at the Board of Fisheries meeting, we request that you withdraw Kay Andrews and Dick Bowers from the Board of Fisheries.

They cast their votes against the recommendation of ADF & G, and as a Chairperson, Kay Andrews allowed personal attacks against the Commissioner of ADF & G by persons testifying at the meeting.

Your withdrawal of the two named individuals would support your stance on conserving the resources - Chum Salmon!

Thank you for your immediate attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS
Willie Kasayulie, Chairman


Myron P. Naneng, Chairman

cc: Senate Resource Committee
House Resource Committee

END

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENTS
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

General Delivery
Manley Hot Springs
Alaska 99756
April 1, 1994

Governor Mickel
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 10001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Governor Mickel

Request that Kay Andrew and Dick Bower be immediately removed from the Board of Fish and that Larry Edfelt not be reappointed when his term expires.

The Western Alaska Yukon River Drainage Management Plan was taken up by the Board of Fish at its March 1994 meeting in Anchorage. Scores of Western Alaskan and Yukon River Drainage residents (to include 2 Canadians) flocked to Anchorage to tell their personal stories of grief and despair resulting from the 1993 summer and fall chum salmon failures. Each and everyone of these people asked the Board to save the fish. In spite of the food shortages and loss of income from their small local fisheries, they said they were willing to take the necessary conservation measures to save the fish. The people of Golovin on Norton Sound once had a thriving fishing industry. Now the fish are gone, their plant site in ruins and their village store has closed.

The drift netters and purse seiners from Area M (False Pass) also came in droves. In the past 14 years their fleet has grown over 450%, their catch of salmon 700%. A councilman from Area M told of their new dock, youth center and park. All built with fish tax money. They worried that if the chum trap were lowered their life styles would change. Boat and house payments would be missed.

Data presented by ADF&G clearly showed the correlation between the False Pass interception of the chums and the Western Alaska chum collapse. Kay Andrew said the Board's concern should be with the economic loss that would be inflicted upon Area M fishermen. Conservation of the resource and subsistence were of no concern. Larry Edfelt stated that the roughly 98,000 chum that would be allowed to

pass through to the spawning grounds by reducing the chum cap to 300,000 was too small a number to make a difference. Kay Andrew, Larry Edfelt and Dick Bower all voted to keep the chum cap at 700,000. They want an ever increasing number of tagging studies and data before they will take action to curtail the Area M intercept fishery. There will never be enough information to satisfy people such as these 3. Kay Andrew's husband is a South east intercept fisherman... Dick Bower is a former school administrator from Area M and Larry Edfelt votes for the Area M interests right or wrong.

Governor, the fish are disappearing, the people are hungry. You must remove these people and put honest caring Alaskans back in the drivers seat.

cc: Legislators
ADFG Com

Sincerely

Jim Friedman

Jim Friedman

Clair Bishop

Clair Bishop

Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor

078 Lynwood Way
North Pole, AK 99705
March 31, 1994

Governor Michel
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Governor Michel

Request you remove Chairman Kay Andrew from her position on the Board of Fish.

At the March 1994 meeting of the BOF held in Anchorage to consider measures to save the severely depressed chum salmon stocks in Western Alaska, Kay Andrew proved herself to be totally unfit to serve on the Board. Over 200 people testified. The rural people from Western Alaska told of their misery and food shortages resulting from the 1993 chum salmon run collapse. After the testimony, Chairman Andrew stated that the BOF should consider the loss of income to Area M (False Pass) fishermen. The fact that experts from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stated that the Western Alaskan chum salmon stocks are in serious decline and that the people are going without food was of little concern to Chairman Andrew, Dick Bower (also newly appointed and not yet confirmed) and Larry Edfelt.

The BOF is mandated to consider conservation of the stocks as priority #1 and subsistence as priority #2. Kay Andrew, Larry Edfelt and Dick Bower put the financial interests of Area M drift netters and purse seiners first! ADF&G showed data that reducing the Area M chum cap to 300,000 intercepted chum would put an additional 60,000-98,000 fish onto the spawning grounds of Western Alaska and the Yukon River. Larry Edfelt and Kay Andrew expressed their beliefs that the CHUM STOCKS WERE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE THAT 98,000 MORE FISH WAS A NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT and did not justify cutting the personal income of the Area M seiners and drift netters!

[Please note that I do not mention Area M setnetters. ADF&G data indicated that the number of Western Alaska bound chum intercepted by this gear type was insignificant. ADF&G and Western Alaska delegates BOTH requested that the setnetters be excluded from the chum cap. During a break in the meeting, an Area M setnetter asked Chairman Andrew about excluding this gear type from the cap. Chairman Andrew said, within ear shot of other people in the hall, that 'you setnetters are like rats deserting a sinking ship' or words to that effect.]

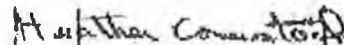
Under Chairman Andrew, the board process has, for all practical purposes, completely broken down. She cannot conduct a fair board process. She taunts people testifying in opposition to her personal viewpoint, humiliates the ADF&B staff and their input, does not allow them to speak when they want to clarify a point, and is given to making snide remarks to members of the public seeking information.

In the end, just before the BOF took the vote on whether or not to lower the chum cap to 300,000 in Area M and let approximately 98,000 more chum salmon escape to the spawning grounds in Western Alaska, Larry Edfel made the statement that the chum failure was so great and the area so vast that 98,000 fish won't make much of a difference and did not justify the economic loss to Area M!! Chairman Andrew agreed and Jack Bower later in a newspaper interview stated that his concern was also for the economic impact on Area M. These 3 people are unfit to serve on the BOF.

cc Legislators
ADF&B Com

Sincerely,


Janet A. McCormick


Heather Comstock

813 Lynwood Way
North Pole, AK 99705
March 30, 1994

Governor Mickel
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 10001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Governor Mickel

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that you withdraw your support from recent Board of Fish appointees Kay Andrew and Dick Bower. Both of these individuals showed bias and a lack of understanding of the BOF mandate to manage for sustained yield of the fisheries and subsistence use over economic impacts on commercial fisheries.

Kay Andrew is the new Chairman of the BOF. Her conduct at the March 1994 BOF session dealing with the 1993 'chum crash' in Western Alaska was characterized by biased unprofessional conduct.

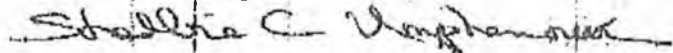
Tanana Chiefs Conference and Kawark (Norton Sound) flew in scores of rural people, many of them village elders, to testify before the BOF. These people told of the suffering and hardship they are enduring because of the fish failures. Chairman Andrew baited these people with questions like "and what action did you take when you first noticed the poor fish returns?".

Chairman Andrew allowed Area M fishermen to verbally attack both the Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff and the Commissioner. In fact, it seemed that she actually prompted 3 individuals from Area M to inveigh (each for 5 long minutes) against Commissioner Rosier so that she could publicly agree with them! It is vitally important that the fishermen and the public have confidence in and respect for ADF&G. Both Chairman Andrew and board member Larry Edfelt used their positions as BOF members to belittle and taunt the ADF&G staff and the Commissioner, who were unable to defend themselves. We respect the ADF&G and appreciate the work they do. These people are experienced and well educated, many hold their doctorates in fisheries management. To see them ridiculed, their data jeered at by people whose only qualification in fisheries management is an interest in sport fishing, holder of a commercial license, or status as deck hand, undermines the whole system.

Allowing Kay Andrew...or Dick Bower for that matter...to remain on the BOF, will endanger the State's position as manager of the fisheries. The Federal Government is poised to take over management. Kay Andrew, Dick Bower and Larry Edfelt will deliver us into their waiting arms.

cc) Legislators
Comm. Roelof

Respectfully



Shelbie C. Umphenour

**UCIDA**

UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 389 • Kenai, Alaska 99811 - 0389
(907) 283-3600 • FAX (907) 283-3306

Sent by telefax
4/10/94

Mr. Bill Williams, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Subject: Confirmation hearing for Ms. Kay Andrew
Alaska Board of Fisheries

UCIDA position: Support Ms. Andrew's confirmation

Dear Mr. Williams,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 commercial salmon drift permit holders in Cook Inlet. The UCIDA board of directors supports Ms. Andrew's confirmation. In her short time on the Board of Fisheries, Ms. Andrew has been elected to the difficult position of Board chairperson and has, in our opinion, made every effort to fully involve the public and department staffs in the Board deliberation process.

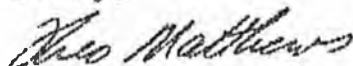
While it is certainly true that every allocation decision made by the Board of Fisheries can not please all parties, individual Board members must make these decisions. After having observed Ms. Andrew in several Board forums, we have seen no reason to believe that Ms. Andrew has any preconceived opinions that will prevent any user group from receiving a fair hearing from Ms. Andrews.

UCIDA feels that Ms. Andrew's extensive knowledge of the fisheries in Southeast Alaska will serve her well as she addresses other areas of the state. Finally, we would also like to note that we are aware that Ms. Andrew has solicited information from ADF&G on the complex fisheries of South Central Alaska. Given the enormous work load carried by Board

members in just dealing with their normal schedule, we find this willingness to solicit additional information quite admirable.

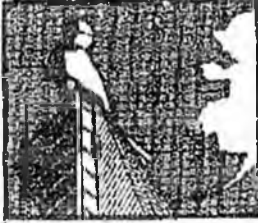
I would appreciate it if you would distribute our comments to the other Resource Committee members.

Sincerely,



Theo Matthews, Administrative Assistant

cc. Senator Little
Senator Salo
Representative Davis
Representative Navarre
Representative Phillips

BSFA**Bering Sea Fishermen's Association**

725 Christensen Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(800) 770-6519 (Within Alaska)
(907) 279-6519
FAX (907) 258-8688

Serving western Alaska small boat fisheries since 1980

April 8, 1994

Chairman Bill Williams
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Chairman Williams and members of the committee:

Bering Sea Fishermen's Association has represented fishermen from western Alaska since 1980. Our 1,500 members are from villages in Bristol Bay, the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers and Norton Sound and Kotzebue Sound. Bering Sea Fishermen's Association is also a member of U.F.A. but we are not in support of Kay Andrew.

We feel that Kay Andrew must be rejected from appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Her performance at recent Board of Fisheries meetings has been atrocious. As a chair, she is decidedly biased and does a poor job of arbitrating between the different members on the Board. She was disrespectful to the ADF&G commissioner and his staff. Before deliberations began, she showed bias by indicating how she was going to vote.

She has ignored the conservation mandate and the subsistence priority despite clear scientific facts presented by professional scientists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

She refused to reduce interceptions by Area M and Kodiak fleets in order to protect her own intercept fisheries in southeast.

Because of her poor performance, the federal government may take over management of Alaska's fisheries. She must be rejected and the Governor must appoint a true impartial person to the Board.

Sincerely,

Henry Mitchell, executive director
for Henry Ivanoff, Unalakleet, chairman, BSFA Board

AVCP

Association of Village Council Presidents
Natural Resource Department
P.O. Box 219 • Bethel, Alaska 99559 • Phone 543-3521



April 8, 1994

House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Williams:

The Association of Village Council Presidents, which represents 55 member villages in southwest Alaska, adamantly opposes the confirmation of Kay Andrews and Dick Bower to the Board of Fisheries.

At the last Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage, their discussion and vote on the conservation of chum salmon, against the recommendation of the Department of Fish and Game for conservation, has clearly shown that they hold commercial/economic interests over sustained yield and the subsistence priority. As members of the public at the last Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage, we felt that Kay Andrews was unprofessional as a chairperson, did a poor job in moderating the discussion, and treated the Department of Fish and Game poorly. Board of Fisheries is a valuable process, but it has been shown that it is only as effective as the people on the Board. We believe that Kay Andrews and Dick Bower do not intend to uphold the requirements of the State constitution for sustained yield and subsistence priority in light of a conservation crisis. Therefore making the process biased and unworkable with those particular members on it. This outcome of the Board of Fisheries vote has only further endorsed Federal management of navigable waters to employ a subsistence priority.

We request that the Senate Resource Committee members do not confirm the appointments of Kay Andrews and Dick Bower to the Board of Fisheries.

Please have this letter distributed to the remaining members of the Resources Committee.

Sincerely,
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS
Willie Kasayulie, Chairman

Calvin Simeon,
Director of Natural Resources

STAN ZURAY

Box 172

TANANA, AK. 99777

Dear Georgianna Lincoln

Please give this letter to the
Resources Committee.

SUBJECT:

Confirmation of Board member Bowers
and Chairwoman Andrews to the State
Board of Fisheries.

I am a subsistence and commercial
fisherman from Tanana. I am also a
delegate to the Yukon River Drainage Fishermen
association. I attended the complete multi-
day meeting of the Board of Fisheries that
concerned the salmon crisis in the
streams of western Alaska and Yukon
and Kuskokwim drainages. I am against
the confirmation of Board member Bowers
as he constantly made mention of his
inability to understand even simple
charts presented by the Dept. of Fish and
Game. These same charts & graphs were
understood by many in the audience
who had little education. He was
not able to make decisions based on

(2)

at the meeting - that of the Dept of Fish and Game. I did feel he was trying to make proper decisions however.

Chairswoman Andrews is another story entirely. I am against her confirmation and after her performance at the meeting could not imagine how any fair, unbiased person could consider her for confirmation.

During public testimony she would constantly tell area M people how good their points were and nod approvingly as they spoke. When A Y K people testified she would often refute their testimony and frown as they made points against area M fishermen. One time she even went so far as to say in reply to someone's (A Y K) testimony that she couldn't see how area M was affecting salmon in A.Y.K.

It was beyond obvious that Andrews and Edfelt, another Board member, were against any lowering of the area M chum cap from the beginning and they

- 1 -

unison to

Discredit Fish + Game on their
 own reports and figures. Every
 time a good point was made for
 reducing the cap by the Dept. during
 deliberation, Andrews eyes went to
 Edgett ~~when~~ as she asked if any
 Board member had any comment. It
 could go on and on. It is clear to
 the people at the meeting what went
 on. If she is confirmed it is just
 another message to people in Western
 Alaska and AYK that subsistence is
 put behind big money, commercial
 interests and the stated plans to go
 about "business as usual". Please
 help the people in AYK!

Thank you,
 Stan Zurey

DELEGATE TO THE YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE
 FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF TANANA FISH + GAME ASSOCIATION

EMPLOYEE OF THE TANANA POLICE DEPT.
 (PATROLMAN)

COMMERCIAL FISH LICENSE HOLDER IN Y5

4/8/94

BILL FLIRIS
P.O. BOX 132
TANANA, AK. 99777
306-7245

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE
RESOURCES COMMITTEES,

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE APPOINTMENTS
OF BOARD OF FISHERIES MEMBERS BOWERS
AND ANDREWS SHOULD NOT BE CONFIRMED.

I WAS PRESENT AT THE SPECIAL BOARD
MEETING IN DECEMBER FOR ARCTIC, YUKON &
KUSKOKWIM CHUM SALMON STOCKS. I WAS
ALSO AT THE MARCH MEETING DURING WHICH
CONSERVATION MEASURES WERE CONSIDERED BY
THE BOARD. DURING BOTH OF THOSE MEETINGS
THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
BIOLOGISTS STRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS OF
THE DECLINE OF WESTERN ALASKAN CHUM
STOCKS. THE DEPARTMENT MADE IT

(2)

ISLANDS PORTION OF AREA "M" WAS INVOLVED IN A DIRECTED SOCKEYE FISHERY WITH A LARGE BY-CATCH OF CHUM SALMON. TO THE BEST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE THE CHUM HARVEST INCLUDED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THESE ENDANGERED WESTERN ALASKAN STOCKS.

DEPT. OF FISH & GAME COMMISSIONER CARL ROSIER WAS VERY CLEAR IN HIS STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD AT BOTH OF THOSE MEETINGS THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS TO BE A SERIOUS CONSERVATION CONCERN. THE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED VARIOUS OPTIONS TO REDUCE THE HARVEST OF THOSE CHUM STOCKS WHEREVER THEY ARE CAUGHT IN ALASKA. COMMISSIONER ROSIER STRESSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT IN HIS OPINION THE CHUM CAP FOR AREA "M" SHOULD BE LOWERED TO 300,000 FISH AND THAT OTHER RESTRICTIONS WERE NECESSARY IN THE COASTAL AND IN RIVER FISHERIES.

D. J. ...

③

ANDREWS AND BOWERS WERE UNWILLING TO CUT THE CHUM CAP STRICTLY BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE AREA "M" FISHERS.

ANDREWS AND BOWERS ARE ESSENTIALLY WILLING TO SACRIFICE FISHERY RESOURCES IN ONE AREA OF THE STATE IN ORDER TO PROP UP THE ECONOMY IN ANOTHER.

RESPONSIBLE BOARD MEMBERS IN SUCH A SITUATION SHOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE CAREFUL AND PRUDENT CONSERVATION MEASURES ACROSS THE BOARD THROUGHOUT THE MIGRATORY RANGE OF THE STOCK IN QUESTION. THAT IS WHAT WAS REQUESTED IN THIS CASE BY THE COMMISSIONER. BOWERS AND ANDREWS IGNORED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS PROTECTORS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA'S RESOURCES. THEY FOCUSED INSTEAD ON A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE. THEY DEMONSTRATED LITTLE CONCERN FOR USER GROUPS OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL FISHING; AND THEY

(4)

ALLOCATIVE ISSUE AND A CONSERVATION CONCERN. BOARD MEMBERS BOWERS AND ANDREWS ARE NOT WILLING TO TAKE STRONG MEASURES TO PROTECT ALL SALMON STOCKS AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE CONFIRMED IN THEIR APPOINTED SEATS

YOURS VERY

RESPECTFULLY,

Bill Fliris

BILL FLIRIS

*NATIVE VILLAGE OF HOOPER BAY**P.O. Box 2193**Hooper Bay, Alaska 99604**19071758 4915*

April 8, 1994

Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Miller:

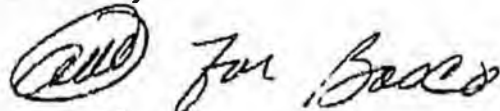
The Native Village of Hooper Bay is a member in the AVCP region in southwest Alaska, and we oppose the confirmation of Kay Andrews and Dick Bower to the Board of Fisheries.

At the last Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage, Their discussion and vote on the conservation of chum salmon, against the recommendation of the Department of Fish and Game for conservation, has clearly shown that they hold commercial/economic interests over sustained yield and the subsistence priority. As members of the public at the last Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage, we felt that Kay Andrews was unprofessional as a chairperson, did a poor job in moderating the discussion, and treated the Department of Fish and Game poorly. Board of Fisheries is a valuable process, but it has been shown that it is only as effective as the people on the Board. We believe that Kay Andrews and Dick Bower do not intend to uphold the requirements of the State constitution for sustained yield and subsistence priority in light of a conservation crisis. Therefore making the process biased and unworkable with those particular members on it. This outcome of the Board of Fisheries vote has only further endorsed Federal management of navigable waters to employ a subsistence priority.

We request that the Senate Resource Committee members do not confirm the appointments of Kay Andrews and Dick Bower to the Board of Fisheries.

Please have this letter distributed to the remaining members of the Resources Committee.

Sincerely,



Bosco Olson
Tribal President

copy: file

am

Public Opinion Message

MR.

Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

Mailing Address Zip

Home Address Zip

Telephone Affiliation City

House Members			Senate Members		Caucuses
Barnes*	Hoffman*	Oberg*	Adams*	Lincoln*	Anchorage Caucus*
Briese*	Hudson	Parnell*	Donley*	Little	Palmer Caucus*
Brown*	James*	Phillips	Duncan	Miller*	Hot-Spot Caucus*
Bunda*	Katt*	Porter*	Ellis*	Pearce*	Bush Caucus
Carney*	Larson*	Sanders*	Frank*	Phillips*	
Davidson	Mackie*	Sitten*	Halford**	Rieger*	
Davies*	MasLeane	Therriault*	Jacko*	Sale*	
Davis, B*	Martin*	Tankey	Kelly*	Shane*	
Davis G	Menard*	Ulmer	Kertula**	Taylor	
Finkelstein*	Mess*	Vozay*	Lemon	Zharoff*	
Foster*	Mulder*	Williamson			
Green*	Navarro*	Willis*			
Gruesendorf	Nicholas*				
Hanley	Nordlund*	ALL X			

Committees
CARA
Finance
HESS
Judiciary
Labor & Comm
Rules
State Affairs
Trans

Subject

80 Word Maximum Message

1	I	OPPOSE	THE	CONFIRMATION	OF
2	KAY	ANDREW	AND	PICK-	BOWER
3	TO	THE	ALASKA	BOARD	OF
4	FISHERIES				
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

APR 09 '94 13:11 LEG. AFFAIRS - BETHEL

Public Opinion Message

MR MRS MISS MESSRS
Alexie **ISAAC**
 Title First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix
 Mailing Address **P.O. BOX 1735 Bethel, AK.** Zip **99559**
 Home Address **115 Ptarmigan Road Bethel, AK.** Zip
 Telephone **543-3538** Affiliation City

House Members			Senate Members			Caucuses	
Barnes*	Hoffman*	Olberg*	Adams*	Lincoln*	Anchorage Caucus*		
Bloss*	Hudson	Parnell*	Donley*	Little	Fairbanks Caucus*		
Brown*	James*	Phillips	Duncan	Miller*	Met-Sit Caucus*		
Bunde*	Kell*	Porter*	Bl...	Reese*	Iron Caucus		
Carney*	Larson*	Sanders*	Frank*	Phillips*			
Davidson	Mackin*	Sutton*	Halford**	Riegor*			
Davies*	MacLenn*	Therriault*	Jankov	Sato*			
Davis, B*	Marlin*	Teohy	Kelly*	Sharo*			
Davis G	Menez*	Uimer	Kortula**	Taylor			
Finkelstein*	Moses*	Vozey*	Leman	Zharuffa			
Foster*	Mulder*	Williams*					
Green*	Navarro*	Willis*					
Grossendert	Nicholls*						
Hanley	Nordlund*	ALL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Committees	
GARA	
Finance	
HEBS	
Judiciary	
Labor & Comm	
Rules	
State Affairs	
Trans	

Subject

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

30 Word Maximum Message

1	I	2	OPPOSE	3	THE	4	CONFIRMATION	5	OF
6	KAY	7	ANDREW	8	AND	9	PICK	10	POWER
11	TO	12	THE	13	ALASKA	14	BOARDS	15	OF
16	FISHERIES	17		18		19		20	
21		22		23		24		25	
26		27		28		29		30	

Public Opinion Message

Title: First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: Suffix:
 Mailing Address: **AKIACHAK NATIVE COMMUNITY**
 Home Address: **PO BOX 70 AKIACHAK AK 99551**
 Telephone: **875 4626** Affiliation: **WILLIE KASAYULIE - CEO** City: **AKIACHAK**

House Members			Senate Members		Categories
Member	Member	Member	Member	Member	
Brice+	Hudson	Barnell*	Adams	Lincoln	Administrative Services
Brown*	James+	Phillips	Bentley*	Little	Public Safety
Bunde*	Kott*	Porter*	Duncan	Shire	Medical Services
Carnay*	Larson*	Sanders*	Ellis*	Ferguson*	South Central
Davidson	Wacklas	Siffert+	Franke	Phillips*	
Davies+	McLeane	Therrien/1	Hoffman	Shire	
Evans	Wacklas	Wacklas	Jacob	Shire	
Evans	Wacklas	Wacklas	Kortelove*	Taylor	HESS
Finkelstein*	Wacklas	Wacklas		Wacklas	Industry
Foster	Wacklas	Wacklas		Wacklas	LEAF & COMB
Green*	Wacklas	Wacklas		Wacklas	Price
Hendry	Wacklas	Wacklas		Wacklas	Trans

ALL X

Subject: **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

50 Word Maximum Message

1	WE	2	OPPOSE	3	THE	4	CONFIRMATION	5	OF
6	KAY	7	ANDREW	8	AND	9	DICK	10	BROWER
11	TO	12	THE	13	ALASKA	14	BOARD	15	OF
16	FISHERIES	17		18		19		20	
21		22		23		24		25	
26		27		28		29		30	
31		32		33		34		35	
36		37		38		39		40	
41		42		43		44		45	
46		47		48		49		50	

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

pom

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: Albert R. Jackson

Albert R. Jackson

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62019

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-3091

*I would like to see Kay Andrews
and Dick Rower removed from the Board
of Fisheries and Lower Area. M's fish
cap to 200,000. Our Chum are in
danger of being wiped out in Norton
Sound District. Remove Larry Eckett also.*

Albert R. Jackson

City Council Sec/Treas.

GNC Board member

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

Pom

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: NORA AMOTTODIK

Nora Amottodik
SIGNATURE
P.O. BOX 62022
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762
PHONE # (907) 779-2216

Please remove Kay Andrews & Dick
Bower from the Board of Fisheries
We need fair representation. Lower
Area's cap to 200,000. We need
our subsistence fish.

Nora Amottodik

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: Irene A. Sockpealuk

Meredith Sockpealuk

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 102002

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-3251 message

I would like to see Ray Andrews & Dick
Bowers removed from the Board of Fish.
We need fair representation. ANILCA VIII,
we would like to see our subsistence
rights retained. We want Area M
to be reduced to 300 thousand

Thank You

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
 P.O. BOX 62020
 GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS/STATE OF ALASKA

WE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PETITION AND URGE THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE STATE OF ALASKA TO HONOR THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF ANCSA, 1971 AND ANILCA P.L. 96-487 WHICH WAS DULY, ENACTED TO ACHIEVE A FAIR AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF ALL ABORIGINAL LAND, HUNTING AND FISHING CLAIMS BY NATIVES AND NATIVE GROUPS OF ALASKA, WITH MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY NATIVES IN DECISIONS AFFECTING OUR RIGHTS AND PROPERTY. SUBSISTENCE IS A CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL PART OF IT, AND IS THE PRIMARY AND HIGHEST PRIORITY USE OF OUR LANDS, WATERS AND RIVERS, WITH THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. WE FEEL THAT WE ARE BEING UNJUSTLY DENIED OUR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DEVASTATING CHUM CRASH SEVERELY IMPACTING OUR TRADITIONAL LIFESTYLE, HAVING TO SUFFER COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE CLOSURES, HEREBY CARRYING THE RESPONSIBILITY AS CONSERVATIONISTS TO ENHANCE THE ALASKA PENINSULA FISHERIES. SINCE OCTOBER OF 1993, WE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A LOCAL STORE: THE COST OF LIVING IS VERY HIGH: (FOOD, MEDICAL AND FUEL COSTS), MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING FORCED TO RELY ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE & WELFARE. WE ASK THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ACTION NOW TO SEE THAT THE LAW IS CARRIED OUT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR AREA. THAT AREA M DECREASE THEIR CATCHES AND THAT THEY ALSO IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION MEASURES. WE ALSO ASK FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF FISH.

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Carol Oliver	P.O. BOX 62014 GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762
2. Humid Sookkukak	12007
3. Carl Oliver	62014 Golovin AK 99762
4. Geice Fagerstrom	62003 " "
5. Nina O. Chikongak	62004 Golovin, AK 99762
6. Alvin R. Jackson	62019 Golovin AK 99762
7. Alvin R. Jensen	10204 " " "
8. Maria Neely	62034 Golovin, AK
9. Frits Amundson	62111 Golovin AK 99762
10. John Amundson	62022 Golovin AK 99762
11. Harry Brown	P.O. Box 62022 Rural Route Golovin AK
12. Keith Anderson	P.O. Box 62032 Golovin AK 99762
13. Florence Annim	P.O. Box 62112 Golovin AK 99762
14. Robert J. Amundson	P.O. Box 62011 Golovin, A

16. Wanda Young Sr. Box 62012 Golovin Alaska
17. Dean Peterson Box 62012 Golovin Ak
18. Thomas & Pongok Box 62001 Golovin Ak. 99762
19. Maureen A. Mason P.O. Box 62002 Golovin AK. 99762
20. Florence B. Rayle Box 62092 Golovin Ak
21. Joseph Robinson P.O. Box 62021 Golovin Ak
22. Joseph Paul Smith Box 62063 Golovin Ak
23. Ray Deayach P.O. Box 62033 Golovin Alaska
24. Gene Timosh Gen. Del Golovin Ak 99762
25. Kathel J. Olson P.O. Box 62023 Golovin Ak
26. Clara R. Amakalik P.O. Box 62025 Golovin Ak
27. Shirley Amakalik P.O. Box 62111 Golovin Ak
28. Margaret Amakalik P.O. Box 62052 Golovin Ak
29. Darrell Amakalik Sr. P.O. Box 62061 Golovin Ak 99762
30. Dean Joseph Smith P.O. Box 62007 Golovin Ak, 99762
31. Charles R. Fogust P.O. Box 62003 Golovin Ak 99762
32. Pauline Amakalik P.O. Box 62042 Golovin Ak. 99762
33. Marjorie Amakalik P.O. Box 62063 Golovin Ak. 99762
34. Clara Amakalik P.O. Box 62112 Golovin Ak 99762
35. Maria Amakalik P.O. Box 62052 Golovin Ak, 99762
36. Kathleen Pongok P.O. Box 62091 G.L.V. Ak
37. William J. Lewis P.O. Box 62019 G.L.V. AK 99762
38. Mary G. Williams P.O. Box 62093 G.L.V. AK. 99762
39. Deborah Amakalik P.O. Box 62001 Golovin
40. Robert A. Lewis P.O. Box 62019 Golovin
41. Richard Williams P.O. Box 62042 Golovin
42. Gertrude Mason Box 62042 Golovin Ak 99762
43. Tommy Simpson P.O. Box 62044 Golovin, Ak. 99762
44. _____
45. _____
46. _____

Continued

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATORS APRIL 8, 1994

FROM: Duane C. Inc.

Duane C. Inc.

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62020

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-9421

I am asking you to remove Kay
Andrews & Dick Bowers from the
Board of Fisheries for being discriminate
we need fair representation. Also
lower area M's cap to 300,000

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

Dom

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: Florence Doyle

Florence R. Doyle

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62020

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-2210

Please remove Kay Andrews · Dick Bowers · Larry
Eldert from the Board of Fish. I've subsisted
off of fish all my life. Don't take away
my Rights to live off the land & sea.
ANILCA VIII

pin

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 8, 1994

FROM: Alice FAGERSTROM

Alice Fagerstrom

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62003

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-330 (mess)

Please remove Dick Bowers - Kay Anderson - Sam
Edgett from the Board of Fish - Lower Cinnamix
Chum cap TO 200,000. We need Fair
Representation : we need our Subsistence
Rights.

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: Abraham Amak Hoodik

Madame J. Hoodik

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62063

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-3231

I would like to see Kay Andrews and Larry Edgett
& Dick Bower removed from the Board of
Fishers. I would like to see ASEA M be
brought down to 200,000 fish.

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY

P.O. BOX 62020

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 5, 1994

FROM: CAROL OLIVER

Carol Oliver

SIGNATURE

P.O. BOX 62014

GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762

PHONE # (907) 779-2207

ANNOA-DIII ISIT BEING ABOLISH BY. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN
WOMEN CANNOT RELY ON THE FISHERIES FOR INCOME. WE
WANT TO RETAIN OUR SUBSISTENCE LIFESTYLE. IT IS NOT
REPLACABLE. PLEASE MEET @ THE SITE. WHERE WE ARE BEING
MOST IMPACTED. NO STORE - HIGH COSTS OF LIVING,
FUEL : MEDICAL. EVERYONE'S REALIZES WHATS HAPPENING
BUT NOTHING BEING DONE. THIS IS UNFAIR - REALLY UNFAIR.
PLEASE REMOVE KAY ANDERSON : BOB POWER FROM THE B.O.P. HARRY
EDFELT TOO.

CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 62020
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762 (907) 779-2214

TO: GOVERNOR HICKLE & ALL ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURES APRIL 8, 1994

FROM: William J. Williams

SIGNATURE
P.O. BOX 199003
GOLOVIN, ALASKA 99762
PHONE # (907) 779-

Please take protective measures now
for our depleting fisheries resources.
If you're in our situation,
they'll be hunting too. Follow the
natural resources protections - State Wide.
Remove K. Andrew L. Edfelt. W. Brown
John B. F.