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Seldom does a day go by that some federal or state bureaucracy is not determining how fish and game will be managed and who gets to harvest it in Alaska. The same is true for who gets to access public lands/waters and what you can do once you get there.

Most of Alaska's outdoors folks pay attention to news coming out of the State Governor's office regarding game management, fisheries, and Endangered Species determinations, and appointments to numerous regulator boards; The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) and Game (BOG), the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). As well as bill signings related to resource management.

When in session the Alaska State Legislature deals with countless bills regarding fish and game management and allocations, as well as public access to public lands and waters. A small number of Alaskans comment on bills during committee meetings pertaining to outdoor activities such as; licensing of guides, license/tag fees, department funding, enforcement, special state lands designations, and on board member confirmations.



Red Fishing - Kenai River

A number of federally qualified rural residents keep up on fish & game regulations being adopted for rural areas by the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB). News regarding laws passed by the US Congress regarding Alaska lands & waters gets reported in the media, but in most cases these laws are too complicated for most Alaskans to really key in to.

Rules and regulation applying to access to over 300 million acres of public lands in Alaska are being developed everyday in numerous public forums.

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Presidents Message

By Bill Iverson, AOC President

Sonar Data on the Kenai

I attended a "seminar" of the sonar collection process at the 3 electronic counting stations on the Kenai River. There were approx. 12 people that showed up for it. Kevin Sparrowgrove and Bruce Morgan came down from the Anchorage AC. Some others, but not all, were a private fish camp operator Mel Krogseng and her husband, local business owners Lisa Hanson and Scott Miller (Private fish processor and the owner of Trustworthy Hardware), and a reporter from the Peninsula Clarion.

There was a lot of discussion on what each person thought was the problem with low King numbers and perception of not as many reds as the counter are saying. My take is that the new counters are more accurate but the adjustments that were made to compensate for that are way off. The net result are fewer fish are being allowed to escape into the river. It is not a in-river fisherman problem but a lower escapement number. Having a board of fisheries being controlled by commercial fishing interests doesn't get the problem fixed. **The Red sonar counter, which keeps getting moved and upgraded, is run by the commercial fish department.**

The over inflated escapement numbers reflect that. I fish this Red run everyday during the season and have done so for 40 years. The fish just aren't there since the new sonars went in. It is all about allocation and we are not getting enough allocation.

This is shown also on the Copper River. The Kings are fully allocated to the commercial fleet and the in-river fisherman couldn't take **one** King. That is just wrong.

The only way this is going to change is if you the public show up in huge numbers at the next board of fishery meeting and voice your opinion. Elections will be coming up again and we can influence the outcome if we don't get what we deserve.

Donations and volunteers

Anyone who would like to help with any of our banquets or sports shows please contact me at 244-6285. We still need donation of items for each of our banquets, so if you have that item sitting around your home that you could part with, we could re-purpose it to a new user and help support AOC.

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I hope all will have a great hunting season and better fishing next year.



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Executive Director Report

By Rod Arno, AOC Executive Director



Irresolvable Differences

No doubt irresolvable differences have occurred since the beginning of life on earth. Once it came to the point that there was no way of resolving the difference options were simple, if you could you'd either flee, fight, or flow. For civilized man "moving on" worked pretty well until such time as humans occupied most of the earth's habitable surface. From

that time on you either had to fight it out physically or in an organized democratic society in the "court of law.

There are a number of irresolvable differences occurring in Alaska today.

Some are still being played out in state courts, and others have been resolved in state court, but have moved on to the highest court in the land, the federal courts.

Here are a number of current conflicts affecting outdoor users in Alaska needing to be resolved:

Fact: The majority of outdoor users polled (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2009-2014) want to see more trails for legal use of off-road vehicles made available.

Yet the Alaska Supreme Court (**Caywood v. State Department of Natural Resources DNR, 2012**) affirmed the lower court decision that the Commissioner of DNR can close a long established trail, the Rex trail, to protect public safety even though there was no record of any personal harm. There are no statutory obligations for DNR to provide proof of physical harm nor is there any requirement for DNR to repair off-road trails that are heavily used by the public on public state lands. Only the legislature can resolve this conflict.

Fact: All Alaskans may qualify for a priority to hunt and fish according to the Alaska Supreme Court.

Yet the Alaska Board of Game has adopted regulations that give a priority of any-bull moose in the Nelchina Basin only to those Alaskans that can get 24 other Alaskans to join a hunting club, the Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) program. This should be a clear violation of the Common-use clause enshrined in the Alaska State Constitution, Article 8, Section 3. AOC's sister organization the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund (AFWCF) appealing the decision in the Alaska Supreme Court, (**AFWCF vs. State of Alaska and Ahtna Tene Nene, S-14516**) Oral argument is waiting to be scheduled. Tax free donations can be made to the AFWCF, note on the check that donations are for litigation expenses in the CSH lawsuit.

Fact: Two federal laws, Submerged Lands Act of 1953 and the Equal Footing Doctrine, give the state authority to regulate activities on navigable waters in Alaska, regardless of whether those waters flow through federal lands. In 1996 the National Park Service (NPS) extended federal jurisdiction to regulate public use of waters within Alaska national park unit boundaries. At the time the state did not challenge the regulation in court. The state chose to continue doing nothing until the "statute of limitations" ran out.

Now Alaska resident, John Sturgeon, with a history of prior river use on the Charley River within the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve is suing the NPS and the Secretary of the Interior after being banned from use by the Feds on a navigable waterway. (**John Sturgeon v. Sue Masica, Greg Dudgeon, Andee Sears, S.M.R. Jewell, US Department of Interior**) Oral argument will be presented in the US District Court of Alaska on August 28th in Anchorage. This case could resolve the conflict between the federal land managers and state over who manages navigable waters in Alaska, thus carrying through with what the state failed to challenge back in 1996. Tax free donations can be made to help pay legal fees incurred by Mr. Sturgeons by sending checks to the AFWCF, write donations to Sturgeon case on the check.

Fact: There is between 60 to 65 million acres of submerged lands that the State of Alaska should have management authority over regarding fisheries management and allocation. Management authority to the state was granted at the time of statehood by the US Congress under the Statehood Act and the Equal Footing Doctrine.

Yet all waters in, and adjacent to, plus flowing out of Conservation System Units, which includes; National Parks & Preserves land, Monuments, US Fish & Wildlife Service Refuge lands, and US National Forest lands as well all waters in and flowing out of Alaska Native Allotments could be transferred to federal management authority if the US 9th Circuit of Appeals ruling goes unchallenged. The State has until the later part of September of this year to appeal the **Katie John II v. U.S.A. and the Secretary of Interior**, case to the US Supreme Court. The State of Alaska well loose a little more of the sovereignty that it was granted at statehood should the governor refuse to elevate this case on up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Contact the Governor's office and let him know this type of federal overreach is unacceptable. Should the state fail to carry through with this challenge to the U.S. Supreme Court the conflicts over who gets to fish will only escalate.

If these unresolved differences that outdoors folks are being presented with are not solved in the court of law what's left? The next step would be to try and change the law through legislation. In order to do that successfully the number one component that you need is a majority of the public's support. In order to gain public support, often times from a sector of the population that don't even go outdoors, takes education. It takes money to get your point of view across to the segment of the population that doesn't necessarily participate in hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor activities.

If you're not already a member of AOC or any of the 50 associated clubs it's time to join. Only by presenting a united front will outdoors folks be able to resolve some of these continuing conflicts.

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Very few Alaskans participate in the federal lands management process for; National Parks & Preserves, Monuments, USF&W Refuges, Bureau of Land Management lands, or US Forest Service planning reviews. Federal lands account for over 60% (237 million acres) of the state. Alaska's Department of Natural Resources is regularly updating one or more of its management plans on the 24% (89 million acres) of lands in the state under its jurisdiction.

Other than the governor's office very one of the aforementioned rule making processes has a "public comment" component before final rules and regulations are adopted.

This fall and next winter are packed with opportunities for the public to let the rule makers know how you would like to see management and allocation of fish stocks and game populations go. The AK Boards of Fisheries and Game meeting schedule are posted on the ADF&G website:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.main>

Meetings affecting the 70% of Alaskans living in Cook Inlet drainage that are scheduled for 2013/14 include;

- October 9-10, 2013 the BOF will take up fish Stocks of Concern at a Work Session at the Alyeska Resort.
- October 12 - 16, 2013 the Joint Boards of Fisheries & Game will deliberate on proposals determining; the organization and authority of the F&G Advisory Committees, who is a subsistence user, and where and if there should be Non-subsistence Areas.
- December 8 - 11, 2013 the BOF will take up salmon fishing proposals for Lower Cook Inlet. These proposals include regulations and bag limits for salmon harvest for subsistence users, sport, personal use, and the commercial fishing industry. The outcome of this 4 day meeting at the Egan Civic Center will determine the level of sport fish use in salt and fresh waters of lower Cook Inlet for years to come.
- January 31 - February 13, 2013 the BOF will deliberate on proposals dealing with salmon fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, which is by far the most contentious fishery in the state. This volatile 2 weeklong meeting will be held at the Egan Civic Center in downtown Anchorage.

Important AK board meetings for the +100,000 outdoors folks in the living in the Interior this fall and winter are:

- October 12 - 16, 2013 the Joint Boards of Fisheries & Game meeting in Anchorage at the Hilton Hotel.
- February 14 - 23, 2014 the BOG deliberating on proposals for the Interior Region. The 10 day meeting will be held in Fairbanks at the Alpine Lodge.

If after attending BOF or BOG meeting the public is dissatisfied with the board's actions they have an opportunity to voice their displeasure during the legislative confirmations by contacting their

legislators to vote to oppose confirmations of newly appointed or reappoint members. Likewise the public can also voice support for confirmation of the governor's appointments.

Alaska stands out as one of the best examples of that old saying; "The world is run by those that show up." To my knowledge there has never been a time in history where so few citizens had the opportunity to determine how natural resources would be managed and allocated over so much area. Alaska's State Constitution is like none other in the USA. Only Alaska has a whole article on Natural Resources, which includes a section on common use (Article 8, Section 3).

How many Alaskans can afford months of time setting at AK Board of Fisheries & Game meeting? Most often it's only those whose livelihood depends on the board's actions; sport hunting and fishing guides, commercial fisheries employees, executive directors of public interest groups, and representatives of AK Native groups.

For most Alaskan's that have other occupations their best hope is to give public testimony, in writing as well as in person before the board members, expressing their preferences. If you want an allocation of the wildfood harvest and to access public lands/waters you need to let the rule makers know.

The other thing you can do is join a public interest group that participates in the political process fighting to increase you outdoor opportunities. That is just what the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) does, and has been doing in Alaska since 1955. AOC is an umbrella organization representing the outdoor interests of over 50 clubs in Alaska. Each club has its own specific interests (you can view the AOC clubs online at the AOC website <http://www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org/>

Alaska's open to the public regulatory process of fish & game management and allocation and our State Constitution go a long way to assuring that the public has a say in hunting, trapping, fishing, and access to public lands - but it only works in favor of the public who show up to testify in the regulatory process and vote for politicians that support access to outdoor activities for all Alaskans.



Ralph Samuels - Bike and Caribou

Respected elder's lawsuit posed challenge for state.

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Katie John editorial, Sun 6/9/13

Eroded authority

Katie John, the Athabascan elder, was to be buried Saturday in her home village of Mentasta. The issues raised by her famous lawsuit will live on.

Ms. John deserved all the respectful remembrances prompted by her death May 31 at age 97. She was a practitioner and advocate of traditional Athabascan culture, and she would share her knowledge and enthusiasm with all who would take an interest.

The lawsuit that bore her name sought to authorize her fishing with nets at Batzulnetas, at the confluence of the upper Copper River and Tanada Creek, southeast of Slana. However, the lawsuit reached far beyond her fish camp, and, therefore, her effort drew opposition from people across Alaska's political spectrum. In the end, her court victory in 2001 eroded the state's authority over its own waters.

The case was extremely convoluted and lengthy. Throughout its course, the essential question was this: Should the federal government manage fishing on state-owned rivers and lakes in Alaska?

Ms. John and her attorneys advocated greater federal authority because they believed the federal subsistence law, which in 1980 created a priority for rural residents, would require that managers allow her to fish at Batzulnetas. The 1980 law also created the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, and Batzulnetas was just inside the northern boundary.

The state had closed the area to fishing with nets and wheels in 1964 to protect salmon runs as they neared the upper reaches of the Copper River. In 1984, Ms. John began trying to reopen the areas to net fishing and, after some lawsuits and negotiating, the state Board of Fisheries allowed limited fishing in 1988. Ms. John asked federal managers to set more liberal rules. They declined, saying the state was the manager. So Ms. John sued the federal government in 1990, asserting that it had an "interest" in the river and therefore should provide for subsistence fishing by rural residents under the federal law.

The final court decision, which took 11 years to reach, ruled that the federal government did, indeed, have management authority because of a concept called the "reserved water rights doctrine." The doctrine upholds the idea that federal agencies ought to have some say about what happens on lakes and rivers in national parks and refuges — even if the lakes and rivers are navigable and thus owned by the states.

It's not an unreasonable idea, but the multiple court decisions in the case demonstrated just how squishy this doctrine and others are. Judges were uncertain and inconsistent when applying them. It was

and still is difficult to see where federal powers asserted under the doctrines begin and end. The case therefore posed potentially serious threats to what many people saw as long-recognized state control of navigable waters.

These people were neither anti-Native nor anti-subsistence, as is often suggested. "If we lose the Katie John case, we lose navigable waters to the federal government and, with it, Alaska's ability to control her destiny in so many areas," former Democratic Gov. Tony Knowles told the 2000 Tanana Chiefs Conference convention in Fairbanks. Gov. Knowles was a devout supporter of the rural subsistence priority on federal lands and of adopting a similar rule for state lands, but he wasn't comfortable with simply turning over state property rights to federal managers. "No governor of any state, me included, can surrender this power to the federal government."

Surrender he did, though, when he decided not to appeal the final 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision to the U.S. Supreme Court the next year. Some still consider his decision evidence of a flawed character. To be fair, the governor just did something we all do from time to time — he changed his mind.

Nevertheless, his initial assessment was a legitimate one. The final court decision undermined the state's authority over its own waters in one more way, perhaps small, perhaps not — time will tell.

Recognizing that the state had important interests to protect during the course of the lawsuit shouldn't tarnish anyone's respect for Katie John. Nor should it diminish any appreciation for the lifestyle she was seeking to protect or her legacy as a leader.

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Kings curbed, Individuals can't keep them, while commercial boats fish on!

By Michael Kramer, Fairbanks Attorney

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For many Alaskans, chinook salmon are our most precious resource. They are the official state fish of Alaska. We own them, and our government has a responsibility to manage them for our sustainable harvest.

For many of us, the opportunity to catch and eat just one of these great fish is one of the primary reasons we live here. We buy boats, we invest in tackle, we take time off work and we drive through the night for hundreds of miles just for the chance to catch one, bonk it on the head and feed it to our families.

Though our constitution guarantees us equal access to all our commonly owned resources, and expressly prohibits exclusive rights to fish, the only user group harvesting king salmon this summer are commercial fishermen, most of whom live Outside during the winter.

As total closures or catch and release regulations have been imposed throughout Alaska on personal use and sport fishers, the commercial fishers have continued harvesting hundreds of thousands of kings. If there was ever a time for Alaskans to revolt over how our king salmon are being mismanaged, it is now.

The Legislature, the Board of Fisheries, and the governor each have the ability to reallocate king salmon from the non-resident commercial fleet to Alaskans who harvest for personal consumption. The commercial fishermen donate heavily and lobby extensively to maintain control over our fish, while we continue to sit quietly on the shore, watching the last few kings swim up the river. The drift gill nets, the purse seines, the beach seines and the fish vacuums known as factory trawlers have historically accounted for 99 percent of all salmon harvested. The leftover 1 percent placates the rest of us in times of plenty, but in times of shortage, it is politically expedient to cut our minimal harvest completely, rather than reduce the profits of Seattle-based seafood companies.

The Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers have been closed to sport fishing for several years, and even subsistence fishers have been denied their fish, while offshore trawlers kill kings by the tens of thousands. These

great fish are inconvenient "bycatch" to the Seattle-based pollock fleet that provide cheap fish sticks to the world at our considerable expense.

Most of the road system king fisheries were closed before the season even started — the Talkeetna, the Kenai and the Gulkana to name a few. On Kodiak, the Karluk River is closed completely, and the Ayakulik is catch-and-release.

In 1996, more than 14,000 kings were counted in the Gulkana. Last year, only 1,620 made it. This year, through July 2, only 450 kings have been counted.



Upriver harvesters should not be alone in their sacrifice to protect these threatened fish. Before a single fish was harvested in the Gulkana this year, the river was closed to fishing with bait and to any harvest by emergency order. A poor preseason forecast for the Copper River showed no signs of improving, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game sport fish biologist shut us down before we could even wet a line.

A few years ago, the Gulkana supported hundreds of anglers a day. Boat dealers, guides, lodges, gas stations and tackle shops all prospered. This year on July 7, on 20 miles of river, there were two

people fishing the river with flies (bait, of course, has been banned). Lodges and guides have gone bankrupt, boats remain plastic wrapped and most backyard barbecues haven't seen a king fillet in several years.

Meanwhile, at the mouth of the Copper River in Cordova, 450 permit holders have been targeting and harvesting kings by the thousands. The commercial fish managers at ADFG have taken full advantage of the upriver closures by allocating every king salmon to the Cordova commercial fleet. You can buy a Gulkana king at Fred Meyer, but you can't catch one yourself.

Alaskans must stand up for their right to personally catch king salmon!

Almost 20 years ago, the Board of Fisheries agreed that the commercial fleet was harvesting more than their fair share of Copper River kings by targeting them in the river mouth.

This area was designated the "Chinook Salmon Inside Closure Area," and was closed when more kings were needed to escape upriver.

This year, the Chinook Salmon Inside Closure Area was closed to commercial fishing until June 13, then was opened only two days after the ADFG sport fish biologist issued an emergency order

closing the Gulkana to any harvest. The commercial fleet then targeted kings in the mouth of the Copper River, killing 1,000 (and 311,000 reds) during an extremely liberal 36-hour fishing period inside the Chinook Salmon Inside Closure Area.

Those 1,000 fish were being sold in Tokyo and New York, while Alaska dip-netters, risking life and limb to harvest their food, were required by emergency order on June 17 to release any kings they caught.

With Chitina and the Gulkana closed to any harvest, the commercial fish “managers” in Cordova quickly decided to allow the gillnetters to target kings, and they have opened the Chinook Salmon Inside Closure Area for every commercial fishing period since June 13.

The commercial fleet at the mouth has harvested more than 8,500 kings so far this season. Three-thousand two hundred of those kings were harvested in just a single 12-hour opener on May 27, when the river was still frozen and only 46 fish had moved from the Inside Closure Area and past the sonar.

That May 27 opener defied all logic, science and common sense, and forced the sport fish biologists at ADFG to shut down the first scheduled opener in Chitina. Such poor management decisions underscore the importance of involving the governor and Legislature in this fish war.

The Board of Fisheries and the Commercial Fisheries Division of the ADFG are controlled by commercial fishing interests and will never change their commercial fish bias until required to do so.

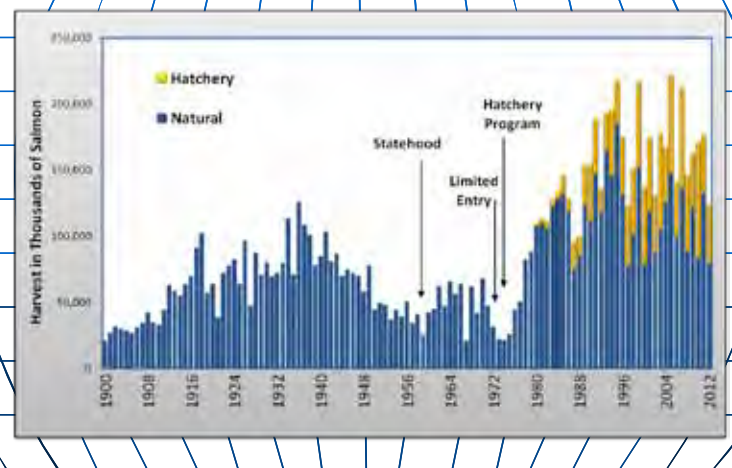
If we remain complacent and simply accept the fact that we are not worthy of eating kings, all of our fish will continue to be allocated to commercial fishermen, escapement goals will be “adjusted” down, and we will never again see a harvestable surplus of fish available to us. A couple more years of complacency, and we will gradually accept hanging up our king rods forever and buying our fish at Fred Meyer.

We need to stand up for our right to harvest our own fish, and to insist that fish for personal consumption be prioritized over fish for sale.

Contact the governor at alaska.gov your local legislators at senator (or representative). firstname.lastname@akleg.gov, or fax your comments to the Board of Fisheries at (907) 465-6094. The board will be making king salmon allocation decisions for Cook Inlet this year and for the Copper River next year. Tell them to give individual consumptive users a priority over commercial use of king salmon.

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Commercial Salmon Harvests Since Inception of Alaska Salmon Fishery Rehabilitation



Commercial Salmon Harvests

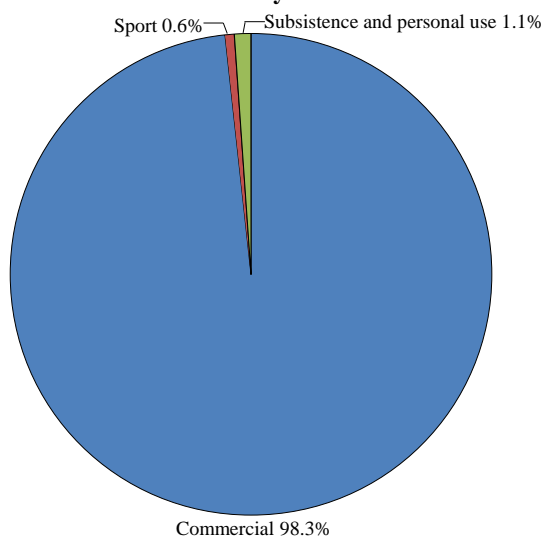
“Pink salmon, which have the shortest life cycle of Pacific salmon (two years), provide a quick return on investment and provide the bulk of Alaska hatchery production”.

Quote from the Introduction in the 2013 ADF&G report on the Eklutna Salmon Hatchery;
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.5J.2013.02.pdf>

From 2002 to 2011, pink salmon (71%) of Alaska hatchery salmon returns by number, chum salmon (21%), sockeye salmon (5%), coho salmon (2%), Chinook salmon (<1%)

Source of data; (Farrington 2003, 2004; White 2005–2011; Vercessi 2012).

Who harvests fish and game? Resource harvests by use in Alaska



Halibut Catch “Sharing” Plan Threatens Alaska’s Recreational Charter Fishing Fleet

Special Report from the Alaska Charter Association by Jim Martin

The new Halibut Catch Sharing Plan was published in the Federal Register on June 28, during the height of the fishing season at a time when no charter skipper has a minute to spend on politics because they are working 12-14 hours a day, seven days a week.

Simply put, the plan would reallocate another 30% of the fish from recreational anglers to the commercial sector. Under most circumstances, this would result in a reduction in the bag limit for “guided anglers” who fish on charter vessels from two halibut to one. Then the plan would offer anglers the “opportunity” to “rent” a second fish by paying a commercial quota shareholder!

In New Jersey they call this “extortion” but Alaska’s fishery managers call it “catch sharing.” You can catch it, but you have to share some of your money with a commercial fisherman.

Charter operators are justifiably worried about the viability of their businesses under this plan. How many anglers are willing to pay thousands of dollars for lodging, food, airfare and a fishing trip for one fish that may weigh 14 pounds, on average? When Southeast Alaska was limited to one halibut, charter operators suffered a 50% loss in their business. How would this plan affect the many businesses in Alaska that depend on recreational halibut fishing? Many local charter operators fear a total loss of their business if this rule is implemented.

How do the feds justify such a plan? Why should guided anglers pay an additional fee to keep a second fish, or a trophy, fish-of-a-lifetime? The problem statement points to an “uncompensated reallocation” of halibut when guided anglers exceed their harvest guideline (this happened once in the last decade.) For the past several years, the guided angler harvest has been below its limit. The problem statement is no longer valid.

The solution, according to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, is to allocate less fish to the guided angler sector and shift it to commercial harvest. While this allocation shift would only add a negligible 3% to the commercial fishery, it represents a much larger impact to the charter fishing sector because its allocation is less than one-fourth of the pie. Under most circumstances, the new allocation would mean that charter anglers would only be allowed to keep one fish.

If the measure had a conservation benefit, recreational anglers would support it. However, not a single halibut would be conserved for the future because it would be harvested in the commercial longline fishery. Recreational anglers are not seeking more fish. They want to keep their traditional

allocation, unchanged.

The Alaska Charter Association, the Alaska Outdoors Council, the Recreational Fishing Alliance and many other sportfishing groups are strongly opposed to this plan. A similar plan was pushed forward in 2011 and because of the public outcry the plan was rescinded. Public comment letters must be submitted before the August 12th deadline, and you can visit www.alaskacharter.org for sample letters, contact information, and links to the Federal rule.

Your comment should be sent to Mr. Glenn Merrill, NMFS Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 or FAX: 907-586-7557. Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Your comment must reference “NOAA-NMFS-2011-0180” to be considered in the final decision. You can also comment online at the www.regulations.gov website and search for “Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.”

Jim Martin is the West Coast Regional Director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance.

Proportional Halibut Catch/Usage by Sector in 2012
Source: International Pacific Halibut Commission “Blue Book”
Will the Recreational Slice of the Pie Get Even Smaller in 2014?

Red dotted line shows proposed allocation in Southcentral Alaska under the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP), compared to the existing allocations under the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL)



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Sam E. McDowell “Concerned Alaskan”

By Rod Arno – AOC Executive Director

September 21, 1927 – May 22, 2013

Reviewing Mr. McDowell’s obituary in the Anchorage Daily News, Sunday June 23, 2013, one marvels at the time given by Sam and his family to all Alaskans for their enjoyment of Alaska great outdoors. There was a time when Sam was considered a good candidate for Governor of Alaska but he declined, stating “I can do more for Alaska without the politics.” How true.

Sam worked closely with state and federal agencies for planning, designing and acquiring lands and shorelines for public use. Often he would buy property, hold the property until the government could ‘catch up’ and sell the parcel for a dollar more than the purchase price. As one of the directors of the Isaac Walton League of America Sam started over 16 campgrounds, all of which were eventually opened to the public, including: the Isaac Walton Campground in Sterling, the Russian River Campground, and the State Campground at Anchor River.

Sam’s appearances before the Fisheries Board were legendary. Armed with pages of handwritten records from the managers, state and federal, showing fifty (50) years of catch, escapement and use of the fishery, he never wavered from his objective;

- Habitat - First
- Resources – Second
- Users – Third (whether commercial or hook and line)

“The highest and best use of Alaska Salmon is on Alaskan’s dinner table”, was first used by Sam who always signed off his



Sam and son, Dan McDowell at Alexander Lake across from Anchorage in 1958. Sam was working at the Alexander Lake Lodge Owned By Kenny Clark.



Sam and son, Dan McDowell

correspondence with Sam McDowell “Concerned Alaskan”. He was the only person to ever be escorted into a board meeting and attended by the State Police for his protection! He was a strong believer in hatcheries (Aqua Culture) where habitat was scarce (Prince William Sound) and just as strong a believer in natural runs of fish where tributaries were adequate for natural runs(Kenai River, Susitna etc.). He had strong feelings that fisheries not be negatively affected by hydroelectric plants, pollution or overfishing. He warned the Board of coming disasters with King salmon. Twice he participated in closing hook & line fishing for 5 year cycles to restore fishing in the Susitna Drainage. He also helped developed the Cook Inlet Salmon Policy.

In later years, Sam would join Dale Bondurant, both being assigned to a sub-committee of the Fisheries Board to establish minimum sockeye escapement for the Kenai River. Dale was impressed with Sam after witnessing his efforts jousting with not only Commercial Fishermen but Sports Fishing interests as well. Sam always packed the records of the fishery and would

work endlessly from the governor down to implement the plan for the resource. With all the opposition and “hedgerows” in front of Sam, Dale figured the “guy” was right-on and needed his help! Never was there a greater combining of knowledgeable outdoor enthusiasts than Dale and Sam. Both were intense researchers, regardless of the subject.

In the late 70’s and early 80’s Alaska Legislative committees worked on creating shooting ranges throughout Alaska. Sam was in the middle of the planning along with other notable Alaskans; Noel and Jean Woods, Dwayne Goodrich, Bruce Graham of Mat. Valley, Glenn Despain, Bud Burris and Joe Nava of Fairbanks, Rupe Andrews from Juneau and the host of many meetings over the years, Mr. Louie Brunner of Anchorage. The result of which ended with the building of ranges at Birchwood, Palmer, Rabbit Creek, Fairbanks and Juneau as well as across the state. Appreciation has to go to the Legislators who funded these ranges, working with these great Alaskans for projects enjoyed by adults and youth in practice and shooting events.

In the early 80’s Sam continued helping fight for public access by encouraging the governor to pursue litigation in federal court challenging BLM’s non- navigability determination of the Gulkana River. After his third meeting with the state’s top administrator in Washington DC, John Katz, and Sam informed the governor that if he didn’t challenge the non-navigable determination and the statute of limitations for future navigability determinations that Sam would sue! The governor listened to Sam and filed a challenge from the state. (AOC’s sister organization the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund (AFWCF) joined in as an Amicus supporting the state’s challenge also) The state was successful in their challenge and that’s why we have public access to the Gulkana River today, plus an opportunity for the state to pursue authority of other water bodies across the state.

Sam was an advocate of subsistence hunting and fishing rights, fighting through the courts to ensure equal rights for All Alaskans. Sam E. McDowell, Dale E. Bondurant, Ronald Mahle, and Harold Eastwood were all Appellants suing the State of Alaska for giving a preference to harvest fish and game based on where you live. In 1989 Sam McDowell and Appellants prevailed before the Supreme Court of Alaska on equal protection of use by users of fish and wildlife.

When you’re on a river, lake or seashore enjoying the great outdoors of Alaska, think about the courage and tenacity shown by Sam and other great Alaskans for our families, for evermore, in the future.

The Alaska Outdoor Council, and its membership, will always be grateful and indebted to Sam McDowell for his efforts toward conservation, providing outdoor facilities and his fight for equal access to public resources in Alaska. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joyce, his wife, daughter Betty, sons Daniel and Aaron.

2013 AOC Annual Awards Banquet

By Rod Arno, AOC Executive Director

Delegates from AOC clubs and individual members met in Fairbanks at the newly rebuilt Tanana Valley Sportsmen’s Association indoor shooting range in April this year. It was a real treat for all of us to have our hosts Grant & Pam Lewis show us around the facilities. It was amazing for those of us who live outside of the Fairbanks area to see how hard working volunteers had re-created an indoor shooting range and clubhouse out of the rubble, after the fire of 2007.

The theme of the Friday work session was “Opportunity for All”. We were fortunate to have knowledgeable presenters from both state and federal agencies, UFA, the AFWCF attorney, and AOC’s Juneau lobbyist. The takeaway from these presentations was; that yes what we do have is the “opportunity” to be participates in a very active public process of resource management going on in Alaska today. AOC truly appreciates the time and expense each presenter made to help inform AOC club delegates;

Doug Vincent-Lang, DWC Director

Tony Kavalok ADF&G.

Ben Ellis, DNR Director of State Parks

AJ Waite , DNR Northern District

Scott Ogan, PAAD unit of DNR

Sue Masica, Alaska Regional Director, NPS

Mike Kramer, AFWCF Attorney at Law

Clark Cox, DNR

Todd Brinkman, UAF

Karrie Improte, CACFA

The AOC Awards Banquet, held at Pike’s Landing, was honored to have Dan Sullivan, Commissioner of Alaska’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as our guest speaker. The crowd sat spellbound as Commissioner Sullivan gave his presentation, Federal Overreach



into Resource Development of Alaska. The commissioner gave the audience the most comprehensive review of what has happen in Alaska since the passage of ANILCA regarding resource management and development on both state and federal lands.

After recovering from the shock of just how much encroachment into State resource management by the feds has occurred we went into our awards presentations. (DNR has provided AOC with a link to the Commissioners presentation to the Senate State Affairs Committee regarding this overreach; you may download it from the AOC website.)

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The recipients of the 2013 AOC awards from the Interior were;

AOC Outstanding Conservation Legislator

Representative Tammie Wilson

AOC was honored to present Representative Tammie Wilson with their Outstanding Conservation Legislator of the Year award at their annual meeting in Fairbanks. When Representative Wilson was called to public service she quickly demonstrated an interest in land and wildlife conservation issues and has developed knowledge of the key issues in those areas. She is also particularly effective at dealing with entrenched bureaucracies in the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game. From her seat on the House Finance Committee she focuses on government accountability, ensuring that the fees paid by AOC members, and all Alaskans who use public fish and game resource, are used to manage our resources as effectively as possible. Thank you, Representative Wilson, for caring about the little guy (and girl)!

AOC Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year

Mike Taras (ADF&G Region III, Education Specialist)

For anyone interested in the latest word in moose management in GMU20 the departments publication "Interior Alaska, Moose News" Summer/Fall 2011 addition is the definitive word on the subject. It's hard to argue good scientific fact, and Mike Taras as editor of the publications has presented the data to help bust a number of long standing myths. This is the type of educational materials AOC has come to appreciate out of the Region III office for years. AOC thanks all the Region III staff who helped make this "moose news" available to the public.

AOC Outstanding Club of the Year

Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

This award should be subtitled the "Phoenix award" because out of the ashes of the old range/clubhouse came the beautiful and functional indoor shooting range that members of this AOC club have worked hard to rebuild. Our hats are off to you.

AOC Outstanding Business of the Year

Frontier Outfitters

Finally AOC depends on local business, AOC member clubs and Alaskan residents. AOC's position regarding equal access for all Alaskans to publicly owned resources is not shared by all users of public resources in the state unfortunately. AOC realizes that can be a burden to commercial operations that publicly support AOC with contributions and displaying AOC publications. Frontier Outfitters continues to be a strong supporter of AOC and we appreciate that.

AOC Outstanding Conservation Member of the Year

Allen Barrette (AOC Interior Board Member)

Al's participation in the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee and the Alaska Board of Game process has been stellar for quite some time. He has been affectionately called the assistant to the Assistant AG in the Board of Game process. He has been

credited with keeping both the board and the AG on the legal track numerous times in the past. AOC looks forward to many more years of Al scrutinizing the regulatory process on behalf of outdoors folks across the state.

Sidney Huntington Award

David D. James (ADF&G Region III, Regional Supervisor)

The Sidney Huntington award is reserved for those individuals who have dedicated their professional lives to the Sound Conservation of Alaska's Fish and Wildlife, and the Highest Standards of Integrity in Public Service. On the game management side few have exhibited those traits at the high standards that David James has continually set for himself. Being the ADF&G Regional Supervisor for the Interior of Alaska is no small task, the region stretches from the Arctic Ocean southwestward to the edge of the Yukon Delta along the Kuskokwim River. David James has supervised the "cream of the crop" as far as predator/prey biologists go since taking over the lead job for the department long ago. AOC's membership and all gatherers of wildfood, will be indebted to him for years to come.

AOC "Alaskan Lifestyle" Award

Frank and Sue Entsminger

This is the first time AOC has presented the "Alaskan Lifestyle" award, and the chances are few other such honorable recognitions will be awarded anytime soon. Frank and Sue Entsminger, residents of Tok, have spent decades in Alaska engaged in just about every outdoor endeavor imaginable. Their love of nature and the great outdoors has lead both of them to become keen observers of wildlife and how it fits into the landscape. If anything developing a true appreciation for the connection between mankind and nature take "hands on" experiences. Sue's experience as a skin sewer and Frank's experience as a wildlife sculptor qualifies both of them as expert observers of nature. Few non-Alaskan natives have come so close to living with the land as Frank and Sue have. AOC membership as well as all outdoor folks are better off because of Frank and Sue's open mindedness regarding the sharing of the opportunity by all to experience the same connection they have had with Alaska's wild places and wild resources. AOC honors their commitment to Alaska and their time contribution to developing a regulatory process that will ensure others in the future will have the option of experiencing what they have.

Macaroni Salad

By Pam Iverson, AOC Administrative Director

Although this is not just Alaskan food stuff, it goes well with many foods and is EASY to make.

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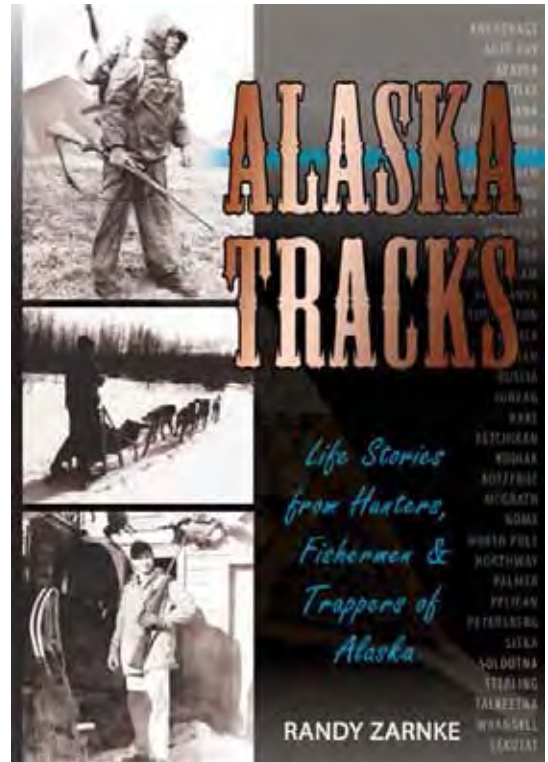


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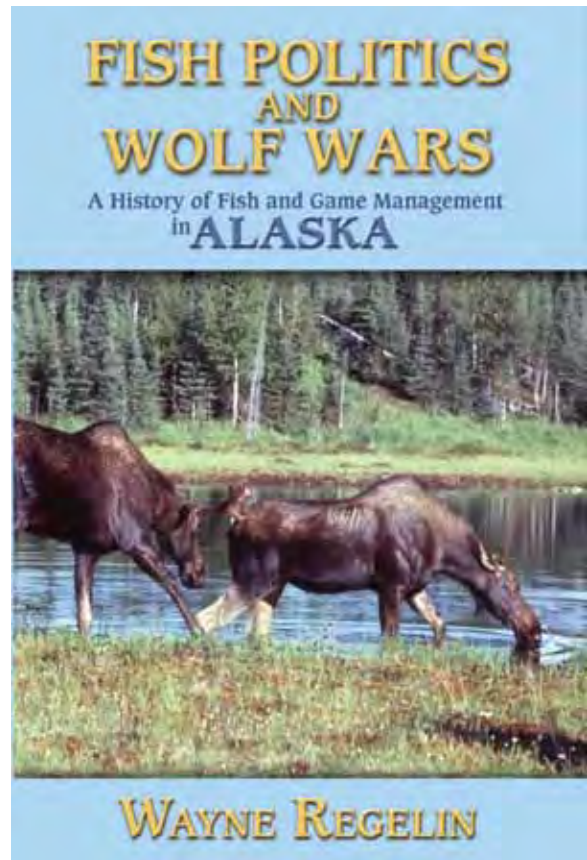
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