

I am Charles Upicksoun, I submitted Proposal 26. I am representing myself and friends that support proposal 26. I live in Valdez and have asked other community members to add their name to the list of supporters, which I have attached. There are 77 supporters that have added their name on my petition. I also attached a form discussion from the Alaska Outdoor Supersite.

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The Solomon Gulch Hatchery has a significant impact on the number of pink and silver salmon within the Valdez Terminal Harvest Area. The commercial and sport fisherman cannot catch them all. There is a tremendous amount of salmon that die on the beaches here in Valdez. Allowing another method to harvest these fish before they die will not negatively affect this fishery. The incidental catch of another salmon species while bowfishing should be very low. I have fished this area for several years and have caught other species of salmon while trolling, but in areas where you would be able to bow fish, the primary species are pink and silver salmon. (I wish I would not have limited it to 2 species of salmon because it just makes for more confusion. Maybe I should have limited it to salmon, because snagging is allowed for all fish.)

From a safety stand point, the arrow is directed away from the fisherman, at a visible target. As opposed to jerking a weighted treble hook back towards yourself. Bow fishing is a very close range shot at a specific target. Bow fishing would add a level of skill that some sport fisherman may enjoy. I don't think people will start throwing away their fishing poles but it will allow another way to take advantage of this resource.

Thank You Chairman and Members of the Board for allowing me to share my opinion.



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The people listed below support Proposal 26 (not to be shared elsewhere)

Date	Name/Signature
1. 10/26/2017	Herman Black
2. 10/26/2017	Tray Liddell
3. 10/26/17	Eric Bloomquist
4. 10/26/17	Jared Major
5. 10-26-17	Cameron Hursh
6. 10-26-17	Dave Tom
7. 10-26-17	Juel Hodgson
8. 10-26-17	Tom Lambert / Tom Westmont
9. 10-26-17	Kristin Hutchinson
10. 10-26-17	Marty Aspen
11. 10-26-17	MARK SAMIS / Mark Samis
12. 10-26-17	Chad Mellon / Chad Mellon
13. 10-26-17	Dale Bruns / Dale Bruns
14. 10-26-17	H. Petersen / H. Petersen
15. 10/26/17	Denette Buehler
16. 10/26/17	Kate Morris
17. 10/27/17	Ken Lores
18. 10/27/17	Don Seiber
19. 10/27/17	Stephen Bishop
20. 10-27-17	Matt Smith

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2. 10/27/17	DAVE BENES	Dave Benes
3. 10-27-17	Jeff Keller	Jeff Keller
4. 10-27-17	Ken Dieinger	Ken Dieinger
5. 10/27/17	Spencer Barnes	Spencer Barnes
6. 10-28-17	Chris Watson	Chris Watson
7. 10/28/17	Neil Richardson	Neil Richardson
8. 10/28/17	Brian Fickes	Brian Fickes
9. 11/13/17	STEVE SHELL	Steve Shell
10. 11/14/17	JEFF WOODS	Jeff Woods
11. 11/14/17	Matt Smolce	Matt Smolce
12. 11/14/17	Tim Needles	Tim Needles
13. 11/14/17	Justin Major	Justin Major
14. 11/15/17	Brian Macdonald	Brian Macdonald
15. 11/15/17	MIKE HERSHOLT	Mike Hersholt
16. 11/15/17	Tim Hastings	Tim Hastings
17. 11/15/17	Dennis Dawson	Dennis Dawson
18. 11/15/17	Raymond Stock	Ray Stock
19. 11/15/17	Paula Nicklie	Paula Nicklie
20. 11-15-17	Jeff Luck	Jeff Luck (907)

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2. 10/27/17	Robin Craftin	190
3. 10/27/17	Dennis White D. White	9
4. 10/27/17	TOPP STUBBINS	
5. 10/27/17	VICKY CRANOR	9
6. 10/27/17	JOYETH ROBERTS / Joyeth Roberts	
7. 10/27/17	Harry Woods / Harry Woods	9
8. 10/27/17	Bill Connell / Bill Connell	
9. 10/27/17	William Reynolds	
10. 10/27/17	Josh Carson	
11. 10/27/17	Jackson Kincaid	
12. 10-27-17	RHUCY J. BRADY	
13. 10-27-17	DONNIE HENSLEY / Donnie Hensley	
14. 10/27/17	Michael Pilleri	90
15. 10/27/17	Natalie Lawrence	9
16. 10/28/17	Scott Bannell	
17. 10/28/17	Timothy Wishekaski	
18. 11/15/17	Brandie Ware	
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2. 11/4/17	Mark Wet	
3. 11/7/17	David Smith	
4. 11-9-17	Wesley	
5. 11-10-17	Will - G. Brown	
6. 11/10/17	Larry Nelson	
7. 11/10/17	Princess Louise	
8. 11-10-17	John - T. Kelly	
9.	Eric	
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11. 11-17-17	William C. Williams	
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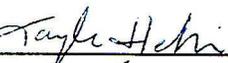
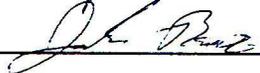
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2. 11-17-17	Amber Henderson 	
3. 11-15-17	Taylor Henrich 	
4. 11-15-17	Jordan Brown 	
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#### Charlie U

Member

Join Date: Oct 2014  
Location: Valdez AK  
Posts: 15

#### Bow Fishing Valdez Terminal Harvest Area

I submitted a proposal to the Board of Fisheries and it made it on the schedule, PROPOSAL 26. In saltwater open to snagging the use of bow and arrow with line attached to arrow may be used to take pink and silver salmon. The proposal will be discussed at the Board of Fisheries meeting at the Civic Center in Valdez December 1-5. Comments are open online until 11/17/17 at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm...ocess.comments>.

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LET'S GO

#### ol whatshisface

Member

Join Date: Jul 2017  
Posts: 79

Wow, that sounds like a great time! I feel like a brand new puppy waiting for poopy pooh time. That would be so much fun.

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#### MRFISH

Member

Join Date: Apr 2006  
Location: Anchorage  
Posts: 1,313

I don't offer this in favor or in opposition, but just something to think about: it would be difficult to identify species with 100% accuracy when targeting w/ a bow. What happens if there's an "oops" and you shoot a different species? A chum, sockeye or Chinook taken by accident with a bow isn't very likely to survive if released (even though the chance of encountering those other species may be small in the terminal/snagging areas). This is something the Board would likely need to consider if your proposal gets legs.

"Fishing relaxes me. It's like yoga, except I still get to kill something." --Ron Swanson

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**homerdave**



Member  
Join Date: Apr 2006  
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**Bow Fishing Valdez Terminal Harvest Area**

Having brought a bowfishing proposal before the board 3 times now (for areas open to snagging by regulation in kachemak bay) refining it each time all I can say is that the board has no idea what bowfishing entails, is convinced it would be dangerous to bystanders, and believes it would somehow be crowded and hazardous. The biggest deal breaker was their unwavering feeling that it was dangerous...despite the fact that we allow snagging, which IS dangerous, and try as I might I was unable to find even ONE bowfishing related accident involving a bystander. Good luck!

Alaska Board of Game 2015 tour... "Kicking the can down the road"  
<http://www.alaskabackcountryhunters.org/>

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**NRick**

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I used to do a lot of bow fishing in Virginia for carp and gar. It's a blast and I've always wished we could shoot salmon up here. You have to be close just to see the fish well enough to take a shot and you are shooting down and into water. It's way less dangerous than snagging.

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**qbflver**

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They shot it down in SE because it wasn't "traditional".

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**rackkillncrew**

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i bowfished all the time in minnesota and never once heard of any accidents. We even bowfished at night under lights and never had any issues. I would bet far more injuries happen from snagging then would ever happen with bowfishing

I will never be a "Prostaffer" its not that I am not good enough but its because I refuse to pimp products for free.

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**Abel**

Charterboat Operator  
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Never heard of anyone getting injured from bow fishing as a cause of bow fishing, normal Fell in the water of fell in the boat stuff. I do know a guy that stuck himself in the foot giggering carp one time.

Life's to short for an ugly boat ☹

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