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The basic tenant of Fishery Management is to provide harvest while accounting for impacts of weak stocks or runs within the managed area. This is done in fishery management all over the world and in most salmon fisheries in Alaska. Salmon hatcheries are located with this concept in mind.

Examples of Alaska and Pacific Coast Management of Mixed Stocks and bycatch fisheries that assure a sharing of the burden of conservation are:

1. ADFG developed Abundance Based Management to ensure SE Alaska Fisheries a harvest of stocks from Canada, Oregon, Washington & Idaho while also ensuring fish passage for escapement and allocation southward.

2. Cook Inlet salmon management that manipulate fishery time and area closures to pass sockeye up the inlet.

3. Pacific Fishery Management Council regulated Ocean fisheries off OR, WA and CA to assure sharing the burden of escapement and allocation to inshore and riverine fishermen.

4. Pollock vessels were regulated to implement programs to reduce salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. They have spent millions of dollars to do this.

Yet the 16 Board proposals from Area M fishermen that seek to increase interception of Chignik bound stocks clearly indicate that they do not seek to share in the burden of conservation and allocation for a failed fishery and failed escapements within 100 miles of their fishery.

As you have heard, in 2004 the BOF expanded the Dolgoi fishing area and modified how windows pulsed fish through Area M into the Chignik Management District. Board Findings indicate that while

....."The board recognizes that its 2004 amendments could have some allocative impacts different from the 2001 plan. In general, these impacts will be insignificant to any one stock.... It is not expected that the changes will result in a June fishery harvest that exceeds the long-term historical averages for sockeye harvest."

So what are the long term averages pre & post 2004?

(1990-2003) average Dolgoi June Harvest = 20,747
(2004-2018) average Dolgoi June Harvest = 132,482