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Alaska Board of Fisheries

RE: Support for Substitute Language for Proposal 127 in RC245

Dear Chair Carlson-Van Dort and Members of the Board:

The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) supports the substitute language for Proposal 127 in RC245, submitted by Member Irwin. This language is true to the intent of the original proposal to significantly reduce commercial fishing time of the drift gillnet and seine fleet in Area M to allow Western Alaska salmon to migrate through this fishery. It was also discussed with Orutsarmiut Native Council, who authored Proposal 127.

AVCP strongly opposes the substitute language in RC160, submitted by Member Wood. This language is minimal change from the status quo, which is unacceptable per the Board’s obligations to state statutes and its own policies to prioritize escapement and subsistence in mixed stock fisheries. Moreover, the substitute language submitted by Member Wood was not discussed with ONC before it was submitted, which is not only concerning for the public process but for Tribal sovereignty.

Sincerely,
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Vivian Korthuis
Chief Executive Officer

Nunaput umyuallgutkut pinirluteng-llu, Tegganerput qigcikliki pirpakluki-llu, ayagyuaput-llu ciuliqagcirmaut yuuyaraqun.
Our Tribes are united and strong, our Elders are respected and valued, and our youth are guided by Yuuyaraq.

Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Andreafski, Aniak, Alnautluak, Bethel, Bill Moore’s Sl., Chefmak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk, Chuloonawick, Crooked Creek, Eek, Emmonak, Georgetown, Goodnews Bay, Hamilton, Hooper Bay, Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kodik, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lime Village, Marshall, Mekoryuk, Mtn. Village, Napaimute, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Newtok, Nighthute, Nunakauyak, Nunam Iqua, Nunapitchuk, Ohogamiut, Oscarville, Paimiut, Pilot Station, Pitka’s Point, Platinum, Quinhagak, Red Devil, Russian Mission, Scammon Bay, Sleetmute, St. Mary’s, Stony River, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Tununak, Umkumiut