



PACIFIC SALMON TREATY COALITION

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Today's date _____

Dear Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Congressman Young:

The Pacific Salmon Treaty has a direct impact on my ability to offer Chinook salmon for harvest in the Recreational Fisheries in Southeast Alaska. As you know, negotiations are now underway to secure fishery allocations for the next decade.

- Alaska's Department of Fish and Game recently documented that Alaska is paying for more than 70% of the cost of U.S. Treaty commitments within the state *on top of* fishery management costs.
- Federal funding of \$35 million annually is needed for Treaty implementation, which will help to support the Chinook rebuilding program for the Troll and Recreational fisheries and to preserve access to historic net fisheries at Noyes Island, Tree Point and on the Transboundary Rivers.
- Federal funding should be allocated to states that *fulfill their obligations* under the Treaty. Chinook Escapement Goal work in Canada and Washington and Oregon still has not been completed for 52 percent of the Treaty's indicator stocks in the Pacific Northwest, *thirty years* after the obligation to establish those goals was incorporated into the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The State of Alaska maintains and manages to escapement goals approved by the Chinook Technical committee for all of the State's Chinook salmon indicator stocks. Poor salmon data from Canada, Washington and Oregon has been used to restrict Alaska's allocation of Chinook.
- I do not want to see one more fish removed from the Alaskan fisheries as a consequence of poor management decisions by federal agencies, whether through continued misuse of the Endangered Species Act, or through efforts to restrict access by Alaska's salmon fisheries to salmon produced by federally-funded hatchery salmon programs in the Lower 48 states.

Thank you for acting quickly through the Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Act to assure that \$12 million in funding was allocated to support implementation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty programs in 2017. Funding was so low that participation by the fishermen-representatives on the Northern Panel at the Treaty talks had been reduced and salmon management programs were in jeopardy.

My name is _____
(Print or write legibly)

I am the _____ at _____
(Owner, Guide, Employee, Guest) (Name of Lodge or Charter Business)

We are an important part of the economy of _____
(City, or Area)

Our business serves approximately _____ guests per year. We have _____ employees.

Mailing address: _____

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