

Homer Charter Association

Board of Fisheries
Office of the Governor
PO Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811

November 12, 2023

Re: Homer Charter Association against Proposal 23

Dear Board of Fisheries members,

The Homer Charter Association (HCA) is a trade group based in Homer, Alaska, that represents guided recreational stakeholders in the Alaskan communities of the Lower Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak. The HCA is a pillar within the cooperative framework of fishers, fleets, and marine trade workers that make our region strong and our communities resilient. The HCA is writing in against our initial Proposal 23 that we submitted due to a change in our associations and members' stance on the current regulations.

The current Proposal 23 was originally written and decided back in April 2023 by the HCA board members. The current proposal aims to decrease the lingcod limit to one per angler per day rather than two per angler per day. Recently, ADF&G shared an analysis of the current lingcod harvest rate, which states the species is being harvested at sustainable levels under the current regulations. At our recent HCA general member meeting, this information was presented to our members, and we discussed the potential harms if the current Proposal 23 was implemented. Due to recent information provided by ADF&G and an HCA member vote, we have decided that HCA no longer supports our initial proposal and now supports the current status quo of two per angler per day.

We thank you for your consideration of our updated stance on the proposal, and if there are any additional questions, please contact the below email.

Thank you,

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