

**PROPOSAL 36**

**5 AAC 21.372. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.**

Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan as follows:

**5 AAC 21.372. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.** (a) The department, in consultation with the hatchery operator, shall manage the Tutka Bay Subdistrict [AND PAINT RIVER SUBDISTRICT] to provide for common property fisheries and to achieve the hatchery broodstock and cost recovery goals set by the hatchery **Permit #32 conditions, goals, objectives, Basic Management Plan (BMP) addendum, and Service Agreement IHP-14-100, to: “produce revenues from the harvest and sale of returning fish that are at least equal to the costs of hatchery operation and operate efficiently so that at least 50% of the fish are harvestable by common property fisheries”**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Like any other hatchery, the Tutka hatchery is required to follow the directives of its original signed Permit #32 and BMP that went through a lengthy public process allowing CIAA the privilege to operate a hatchery. Decades of chronic insolvency from poor decisions, does not give license to alter permit and BMP directives without public process, to self serve an exclusive cost recovery fishery. State money and efforts are better spent elsewhere than wasting time focused on cost recovery for one lone chronically insolvent company. This is not in the public interest.

CIAA has taken over 90% of the pinks with cost recovery averaging 500,000 pinks annually in the last 32 years. CIAA activities benefit only 1% of Area H permit holders and has chosen itself as the chief beneficiary. In 2022 only nine Area H limited entry permits fished in LCI. The remaining 99% of Area H permits are administratively excluded from any benefit from CIAAs activities. Even if CIAA adheres to the conditions objectives and goals of their permit, this is an exclusive fishery with special privileges that excludes the permit holders paying off the \$19,000,000 in loans with their enhancement tax harvest for inefficient aquaculture they get no use of.

**PROPOSED BY:** Pioneer Alaskan Fisheries Inc.

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