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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

ATKA-AMLIA ISLAND AREA Finding

The Board of Fisheries has created this new fishery (new chapter 11) at the request of the Atka Fishermen's Association. At the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island Areas meeting, the board had created a committee comprised of three board members, department staff, commissioner of CFEC, participants of Area M fisheries, and Atka representatives. The board has created this fishery for and with the following understandings:

- 1) This is a unique situation where the board is providing for a harvest opportunity on unutilized local pink salmon stocks.
- 2) In this new fishery, there is little or no chance of impacting other stocks. If it is found that these local pink stocks are being harvested in other areas, those historical fisheries are not to be curtailed.
- 3) This is an experimental one time situation given the unique location and circumstance, and the board will consider re-authorization of the fishery in sufficient time to provide continuity in the fishery prior to the 1995 season.
- 4) If additional funds to manage this new fishery are not available, the board does not want the department to take funds from other fisheries to manage this fishery, thus it will not open. The board encourages the Atka Fishermen's Association and their supporters to acquire the necessary funds the department will need to manage the fishery.
- 5) During budget constraints and budget reductions, the board does not intend funding for this fishery to continue and exist at the expense of other existing fishery programs.

Adopted: November 19, 1991

Vote: (Yes/No/Abstain/Absent) (7/0/0/0)

Location: Anchorage International Airport Inn

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Alaska Board of Fisheries**

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