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RE: DEC Permit Number AKG130000 Draft Alaska Hatchery Operators Withdraw Request For Public Hearing

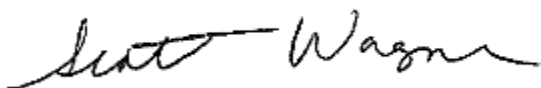
Mrs. Weaver,

After discussion with the ADEC director and staff, the Alaskan Hatchery Operators are withdrawing their request for a public hearing on the issuance of AKG130000. It is our understanding that an in-person applicant meeting will be held during the 5-day potential applicant review period once the proposed final permit is made publicly available. This meeting format is more conducive for the hatchery operators to have dialogue with the ADEC on specific concerns and clarification of questions once the proposed final permit is made available.

The hatchery operators respectfully request the meeting be held in Juneau. This will allow ADFG-PNP coordinators to participate in person. While all hatchery operators will make every attempt to attend an in-person meeting, we thought it may be helpful to inform the ADEC that the hatchery operators have existing meeting commitments. Specially, most operators will be in Juneau for the UFA meeting from February 21st to 23rd. A meeting on either end of this time period would be logistically convenient for our operators. Additionally, the statewide Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage begins on March the 9th with the Hatchery Committee, and is currently scheduled to end on the 13th of March and would preclude participation in another meeting.

On behalf of the Alaska private non-profit salmon hatchery operators, thank you for your time and assistance through this permit reissuance process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

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