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Dear Carl:

Thank you for your July 5th 2018 correspondence regarding the status of the feasibility study for improving the Amalga Boat Ramp facility. In this correspondence you requested clarification from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game - Division of Sport Fish (ADF&G - DSF) whether or not we would support the idea of a remote fish cleaning facility.

In short, the answer is No, ADF&G - DSF cannot support a remote facility or any other kind of facility that will diminish the department's ability to sample fish harvested in the Juneau marine sport fisheries.

ADF&G - DSF is currently operating the Marine Creel Harvest Study where technicians interview returning sport anglers at various Juneau harbors and take biological samples from the fish harvested, which need to be intact for sampling purposes. The Amalga Harbor facility is a large contributor to the success of this program. In fact, the Amalga boat ramp produced approximately 45% of all the bottom fish and 20% of all the salmon samples collected at Juneau harbors during the last 5 years. ADF&G - DSF relies heavily on this program for management of the marine sport fisheries and therefore, cannot support losing our ability to sample these fish.

ADF&G - DSF still supports the land-based improvements listed in the feasibility study and would entertain any other improvements as long as it improves recreational boater access and does not impede the department's ability to manage the Juneau sport fisheries.

Thanks for all your help on this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Wood".

Mike Wood
Southeast Access Project Manager