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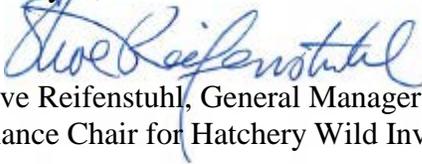
RE: \$350,000.00 for Hatchery-Wild Study from Aquaculture Associations

Sam:

The Alaska private nonprofit hatchery operators, voted at their respective board meetings in January/February of 2016, to aid in the funding of the Hatchery-Wild research program with an annual, cumulative target of \$350,000. The total funding necessary for the study relies on a combination of hard money from Alaska processors and the PNPs, with inkind personnel and laboratory support from ADF&G.

It is the intention of the seven PNPs to provide funding up to \$350,000 annually for the Research Program to Address Interactions of Wild and Hatchery Pink and Chum Salmon in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska, as funds are available, through June of 2024.

Thank you,



Steve Reifenstuhl, General Manager NSRAA
Finance Chair for Hatchery Wild Investigation Science Panel