

Limited entry gains support

Meeting in Cordova last week, the RurAL CAP Board of Directors passed a motion supporting the continuation of Limited Entry in Alaska's Commercial Fisheries and urging defeat of the referendum to repeal it.

This action came after the board heard presentations from Hank Ostrosky, and opponent of Limited Entry, and Rich Listowski from the United Fisherman of Alaska, an organization that strongly supports it.

"This isn't a simple issue," stated RurAL CAP Executive Director Phil Smith, "Limited Entry is no doubt an imperfect tool, but it's the only one we have to make sure that hundreds of outside boats don't decimate the fishery before we have an opportunity to rebuild stocks."

Continued Board Chairman

Gordon Jackson, "I'm pleased with this action. It follows the unanimous endorsement of the AFN Human Resources Committee, the Bristol Bay Native Association, the Kodiak Area Native Association, and many fishermen's groups.

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provide more information on the subject to the general public. decision by Judge Boldt could really hurt us, especially in Southeast (Alaska) if we don't keep Limited Entry."

Following the board action, Smith indicated that RurAL CAP would make an effort to