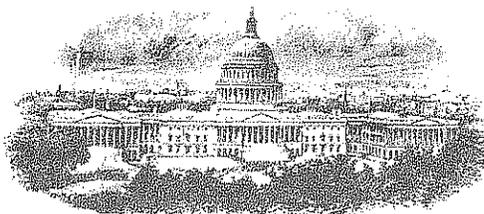


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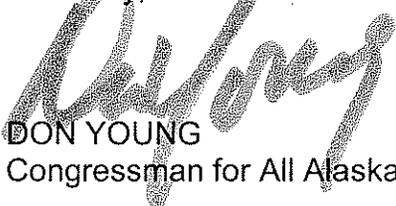
Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members,

It has come to my attention that the Senate has included \$5 million in their pending version of the 2010 supplemental appropriations bill to help Yukon River fishing families recover from two years of failed king salmon runs. In January 2010, Secretary Locke declared a fishery disaster along the Yukon River for 2008 and 2009.

Western Alaska fishing families have been hit hard by the fishery collapse in 2008 and 2009, and are sorely in need of assistance. Beyond their significance as a subsistence resource, King salmon are one of the primary ways to make a living along the cash-poor Yukon River. However, commercial fishing was curtailed 89% in 2008, and completely closed in 2009 leaving many in the region with little money to pay for other food stuffs and heating oil.

While this funding still needs to be approved by the full Senate, I urge you to support this much needed assistance when the House takes up its version of the 2010 supplemental appropriations in the coming weeks. In addition, I encourage the Committee to carry out the full request by appropriating an additional \$5.8 million.

Sincerely,

  
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