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Comments: I support strong protection over the ecosystems of the Tongass. I want to bring your attention to a very troubling activity within the wilderness areas of the Tongass below Sitka is the Crawfish, West Crawfish quadrant of SEAK brought up by the ADFG at this last weeks Board of Fisheries meeting in a Action Plan Report RC5 pertaining to salmon stocks of concern caused by recent hatcheries being allowed in a very sensitive Remote release site that has caused massive hatchery chum straying into the wilderness area river systems. Monitoring has resulted in hatchery strays making up to 100% of these known documented index streams of wild chum salmon. The Forest service is on the regional Planning Teams as ex official non voters but this is unacceptable as since these releases began the wild returns have not met their escapement goals. I request the Forest Service update the Tongass plan with more protections in wild salmon streams and especially in wilderness areas. There is another Regionsl planning Team meeting in April in SEAK and I hope you will send a representative to select Option 3 that removes the remote release site of 30,000,000 homogenized genetics of hatchery chums in Crawfish thst is causing mixed stock fisheries to mask wild chums being scooped up in the zeal to catch the overwhelming demographic now of hatchery chums and replacing the strong genetic resilience of wild stocks with inferior diluted genetics of hatchery chums that are being allowed to overwhelm wild river systems suffocate and dig up what redds are left of wild spawning salmon. Please contact me if I can send you more information on this serious abuse and delay to prevent damage in our national forests