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Regarding discussion during committee B:

Closing the drift gillnet fishing openings at 7 feet of above mean low water was discussed. This idea was thought to add further protection for Chinook salmon.

AIFMA opposes this idea. The fishery is currently managed in this manner by AFD&G. Not all areas and districts and all openings can be closed at 7 ft. tide level. We do not believe ADF&G needs another layer of regulation for what they currently do and further restricting of their managing authority on this specific issue.

Thank for your considerations.

David Harsila

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