

My name is Ron Kavanaugh, I own and operate the FV Sylvia Star out of Kodiak Alaska. Our boat salmon seines in the summer time. I am opposed to proposals 88 thru 97 and support 98

Proposals 88-90 are requesting changes to management plans in the Olga Bay, Moser Bay, Alitak Bay, and Cape Alitak sections. These management plans have been changed and changed over the years. The current plan strives to manage the resource and provide opportunity to all the participants. I would like to see it stay status quo.

Proposal 91 seeks to change the Upper Station management to a BEG for it's early run and Frazier red salmon. Doing this is a major change in management and would change the way the fishery is prosecuted. The potential for fish to build up in the stream terminus multiplies. This results in a terminus fishery which a set-net only fishery. It is in a confined area and a long commute for many set-netters. I do not think this proposal to be a good one, it reallocates, changes the historical fishing practices, and could lead to an over escapement that is preventable.

Proposal 92 & 93 asks the Department to never exceed 15% of the Chignik sockeye catch in the Igvak district of Kodiak. This creates an difficult burden on management. Right now they manage for an overall catch of 15% for Igvak, to meet this they need to be at or over the percentage for the year to average correctly. To never exceed 15%, they would have to stay conservatively under this goal. These proposals are purely allocative in nature and shouldn't be supported.

Proposal 94 wants me to check in and out of Igvak and deliver before leaving. That would mean I have to report by 4:30pm and after 8am. There are many times we are fishing til late in the evening and don't decide to travel until midnight. I would therefore loose travel time and fishing opportunities. As for deliveries, this requirement would cost fishing time if you have to deliver before your 24 or 48 hour window. I may not have a tender in Igvak and need to run somewhere else. Or I may need to run to town for repairs and desire to deliver to the dock for an extra dockside bonus. This proposal seeks to create hardships for Igvak fishermen and is punitive in nature.

Proposal 95 wants a 114 hour set net only fishing period. We are opposed to this as it bridges a department management closure and could cause a delay in the July opening for all salmon fishers in the area. If set-net fishermen want to access Telrod fish, we suggest a one day on, one day off switch with the seine/set-net fleets. This would insure that Telrod fish are targeted and no other management systems are affected.

Proposal 96 wants an exclusive gillnet opening in NW Kodiak. It is allocative and treats similar fishers differently by offering easier access to set-net sites situated in the inner bay. It also excludes the seine fleet from participating.

Proposal 97 delays a closure in NW Kodiak district due to weather. This allows larger seine boats and possibly better equipped set-netters to potentially continue fishing. Not in support of this even though it means I could be fishing.

Proposal 98 would allow Kodiak salmon seine permits to be stacked and allow gear modifications. As a Kodiak Salmon seiner, I am very aware that there are over 100 permits not being fished- that the potential for economic distress if too many boats re-enter the fishery would be heavy and effect all gear types. Allowing Kodiak seine permits to be stacked gives an incentive for young people to own a permit, potentially receiving more pay for holding it. Instead of lengthening the net, I support allowing the lead web to be replaced with seine web. A boat could then fish on or off the beach, or make left handed sets when putting the skiff near shore is prudent. Tying up permits in the hands of actively fishing people is a good idea.