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RC 013

To: Alaska Board of Fisheries
Prince William Sound Finfish
December 3-8, 2014

Re: **OPPOSITION** to Proposal 5 – Close a portion of Main Bay to sport fishing.

I very strongly oppose the proposal to close the head of Main Bay to sport fishing. As a second generation Prince William Sound Boater and Fisherman with third and fourth generations boating and fishing with me I have fished this area every year since my birth. My family has spent every summer for the past 54 years sport fishing in Main Bay and have never seen the issues declared by PWSAC. If the sport fisherman have to compete with the commercial fisherman on the outside of the current barrier net then you are effectively stopping sport fishing. There is no way that the smaller sport fishing vessels can compete with the multitude of nets strung from one side to the other.

The language in the proposal from WPSAC that "Additionally, the number of injured fish resulting from attempted snagging has increased. These injured fish must be culled from broodstock to comply with ADF&G Sockeye Salmon Culture Protocol which results in a waste of the salmon resource.", is ludicrous to say the least. I have seen more fish with commercial net injuries than any with snag injuries and I have no "Culture Protocol" that states these fish are unusable. We use what Mother Nature provides whether perfect or not. Possibly what this proposal should be doing is changing the "Culture Protocol" so that this isn't an issue for WPSAC. What will the next proposal be? Ban all fish eating species in Prince William Sound so that there are no marks on the fish so that WPSAC has nothing but perfect fish to work with. I truly do not see how any snag marks on a fish in any way changes the fertility of the eggs and/or milt.

I feel that this proposal if passed would be an end to the sport fishing in Main Bay only for the WPCAC wants not needs.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jodi Giles (2nd generation)

Sellina Bagley/Michele Dahle/Brett Dahle (3rd generation)

Robert Bagley/Ryan Dahle/Phoenix Bagley/Alyona Kobelnyk (4th generation)