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RELATES TO ACR 1 and 2

In 1971 I was 14 years old and was working at Taylors Marina in Auke bay as a dock boy. There was a 70-year-old man that we all respected. That year he bought a new power troller. He had been fishing for 4 days and came in to sell fish and buy fuel. He had two cohos, one chum and one pink salmon. It was $1.25 per pound for Coho and I weighed them up and wrote a fish ticket. It came out to about $30. He bought 100 gallons of diesel fuel. It was 35 cents per gallon for boat diesel and that came out to $35. I asked him for $35 for the fuel and he said, take it out of the fish. I told him that there wasn't enough money from the fish to pay for the fuel. He stared at me in disbelief for a moment and the weight of the situation with new boat purchase, out fishing for nearly a week and not enough to even pay for fuel sunk in. Suddenly, he broke down in sobs. I was a 14-year-old kid. This was a 70-year-old master that I and everyone in the community looked to for a role model and strength. What could I do to change anything. I just stood there in silence. The world had come apart. It was before limited entry, before the 200-mile limit and before the Alaska hatchery program

Today I have heard reasonable people say we have too many fish. When I was standing on the dock in Auke bay in 1971; if I would have known that in the 21st century there would be complaints because of too many fish, I would have told you that you were from the moon.

If we are proposing getting rid of hatcheries, go back and talk to people about what it was like before hatcheries. They weren't good days and I don't want to see us return to them. I have passed through nearly 4 decades since that day doing what little I can to improve our fisheries. I have been very thankful and pleased at the success of the hatchery programs to bring the fish back. It is a great accomplishment. It is a good program. Please keep it going.