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I am Debbi Palm, and this is my Dad Erik Barnes.

We have been East Side Setnetters for more than 50 years.

We were here before Limited Entry.

We were here when we gave up King Gear in the 60's.

We were here in 1970 when Sam McDowell and the Isaac Walton league put a full page add in the Daily News to get rid of commercial fishing in Cook Inlet.

We were here in 1977 during the first reasonable division (allocation) of Cook Inlet fish.

We were here when the State legislature legislated 7 allocation criteria.

We were here when Bob Penny (a leader of KRSA) bragged of having caught 240 kings in one season. It wasn't enough.

We were here when the Kenai snag with 3000 hooks in it was pulled out and put under glass in the old Kenai mall.

We were here when Les Anderson caught his 97 pound king.

We were here as we lost time from May to June 6th, then to June 26th and then again to July 1st, and again to July 8th.

With this we lost all of the early kings.

With this we lost the early Russian sockeye run.

With this we lost the Pinks.

With this we lost our silver opportunities

We were here when the guide business exploded, with no regard to carrying capacity, no limited entry, and no windows for the fish. Just Mondays for the locals.

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We were here and watched as allocation did not solve the problems of the early run.

We have watched as the late run began to barely make its escapement goals.

We watched as the kings we did catch became smaller.

We watched as the king numbers became 40 to 60% jacks.

We are currently allocated only 24 hours of fishing a week.

We watched as Kasilof kings were counted as Kenai kings in the commercial fishery.

We watched as Juneau overturned the manager's decisions for political reasons only.

We are the only ones in the State to be charged and extra \$25 above our licensing fee, just for being East Side Setnetters. This removed any alternative resources.

We watched as the double standard for emergency closures grew. We waited two weeks for the escapement goal to be met but, when it was met, we were closed anyway.

We sat on the beach 5 days for conservation before the river was closed to sport fishing.

Why has it become more important to get rid of the Eastside Setnetters than it is to save the kings?

We gave the sportsmen the early run. All of it!!! What did they do with it?

To us, this has simply been bullying. Certainly the run isn't improving. The problem is in the river!