

RC 255

RC: in support of Proposal 123 and proposal 134

I submitted proposal 123 asking the Board of Fish to open fishing days on Kalgin Island on Wednesday and Saturday. Lack of tender availability resulted in difficulty in selling our fish and it has resulted in waste, when fish rotted and were lost. Please support Proposal 123 as amended in RC 157.

I support Proposal 134 as amended by RC 254, to open the south end of Kalgin Island in the early fishery. It is very uncomfortable that a few fishermen who have been part of the Island community for 50 years are not included. My family fishes the stretch of beach nearest the new area proposed to be included. We have 4 permits, and we delivered 3 kings last year. However, someone on the Island is keeping a lot of kings. I support personal quota to regulate the king catch. We fish with conservation in mind; but the system is rewarding those who try to catch every King that they can get. I would be okay if the fishery were changed to two days a week if the board felt that was necessary to include my neighbors, but considering their slight impact, I would prefer that the season remain three days a week.

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