

Chairman Johnstone
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Sent Via Fax

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Re: Proposal 99

Chairman Johnstone:

As a lifetime Alaskan and commercial fisherman (Salmon gillnetter and Pot Shrimp (small pot)) I offer the following comments regarding Proposal 99.

First: I do not support the reduction in pot limit from 140 to 100 per license, as it will make my pot fishery less efficient.

Second: I do not support limiting a string to 5 pots, as this will make my pot fishery less efficient. It will also create additional gear expense and it infringes on my personal fishing preferences with no obvious benefit to the fishery as a whole.

Third: I do not support pots being required to be 15 fathoms apart. This too infringes on my personal fishing preference with no benefit to the fishery.

Forth: I do not support limitation of gear being pulled once per day. We are already limited by time per day. If a string of gear lands off of my intended target, I need the option to haul and reset-if I choose.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opposition to Proposal 99 in its entirety and I urge the Board of Fish to reject this proposal.

Regards,

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