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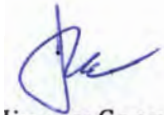
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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I support **proposal 184 amended** not to include any reference to the sockeye:chum ratio. Deleting this portion of the regulations adopted by the BOF in 2001 would allow a fishing schedule that is not altered by salmon ratios (SEE PC 11, p.g. 73) I did not appreciate how the fishermen use to "Chum Chuck", or toss chum salmon overboard in the past to avoid reaching their chum cap.

In Togiak, we have reduced our fishing periods from five days to three days per week because all of our species of salmon have been on the decline. I believe that this fishery has contributed to the decline of AYK and Togiak salmon. So, if anything, I would like to purpose longer time periods of no commercial fishing when near South Unimak and the Shumagin Islands. Fixed closures need to be in place to allow the fish to migrate to their natal streams in the AYK and Bristol Bay regions.

Thank You,



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