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I oppose Proposals 142 and 143. Proposal 142 and 143 would tremendously harm the gillnet fleets ability to harvest. Having the rotation be set at 4 days Gillnet - 2 Day Seine keeps the catch spread evenly between the different gear types and keeps the gillnet fleet spread out.

Seiners have many more opportunities to fish in other areas throughout the season 7 days a week, while gillnet areas get crowded and there are less opportunities to fish in the 2nd half of the week (Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat). Frequently, seiners will fish the opening in Deep inlet and then travel to fish elsewhere that same week, and then return to fish the next seine day in sitka. Gillnetters do not have that option as there are no other areas to fish. This proposal would create a crowding effect in the areas around northern southeast as it takes away a place for gillnetters to fish. Dropping the number of days from 4 would severely impact the ability of a gillnetter to make a living.

I also oppose proposals 145, 146, 153, and 155.