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Alaska Board of Fisheries - Support of Proposal 60

Dear Board of Fisheries,

My name is Andrew Friske, born and raised in Haines and now living in Sitka the past 20 years. I am currently a commercial troller, crabber, charter operator and business owner (Halibut Point Crab & Brew).

This abbreviated letter is in support of Proposal 60, Sitka Katlian/Nakwasina superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery. The proposal is an exact copy of the Ketchikan George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery 5 AAC 47.090 expect for location. There is no need to reinvent the wheel here in Sitka. There is a great need for this proposal which has the potential to considerably boost the Sitka tourism industry.

My business sells locally caught crab and other seafood at the Old Sitka cruiseship dock. I am able to talk with and educate hundreds of tourists every day about Alaska's great resources, how they are harvested and also conserved. Many of these tourists are looking for an adventure and looking to see how things are done in Alaska. Crusieships are looking for new markets and tours to sell. This proposal would be good for Sitka and the tourism market. What a great way to educate people hands on and not hurt the resource. Please support Proposal 60.

Call or email if you have questions or would like a tour of the proposed area.

Thank for your time.



Andrew Friske