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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I live in Petersburg and have been gillnetting for 20 years. I gillnet mainly in the Lynn Canal and Wrangell areas including Anita Bay. Needless to say, I have been relying on enhanced salmon programs for a large part of my income in this fishery. Many of the proposals being presented at this meeting will no doubt have a significant negative impact on my upcoming salmon seasons. While I would like to make this a conversation about greed and overcapitalization I will not.

Proposal 140 is certainly unfair and would have a major impact on the gillnet fleet around Wrangell. I feel your support of proposal 141 put forth by USAG should solve the issue of putting the seiner gear group "over the hump" and into their allocation range.

I am a member of USAG and support the proposals they have submitted (141, 154, 156, 157, 160, 169 and 170). I would also like to lend my support to the comments they have submitted pertaining to other proposals.

Thank you for considering this letter,

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