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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I am writing to you in regards to regulations to our fishing industry; allocating resources to various user groups. I have been a commercial fisherman since the age of fifteen years old. I am grateful to the fishing industry by instilling values such as hard work ethics, camaraderie, and a loyalty to our fishing fraternity. My family is now gillnetting with me; hoping that I am able to instill the same values to both my son and daughter. The fishing industry has enabled me to provide for my family. I am concerned that possible regulation changes will hinder my family's and my fellow gillnetter's livelihood.

I am aware that there is a proposal to remove our fleet from the Anita Bay area; an area which provides our gear group with economic opportunities. Our gear group needs to be able to access areas such as Anita Bay to responsibly harvest chum salmon; ensuring appropriate salmon productivity. We all have, and need to, have the right to access various fishing areas since our fleet contributes to the salmon fishing industry.

We, as a family, agree with USAG and their comments on Proposals 132, 133, 137, 139 – 146, 149 –158, 160, 169 –171 and 192 –194.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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