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Board of Fisheries
Sitka Alaska

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Opposition to Proposals 98, 99, 105, & 106

Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fish Members:

My name is Yancey Nilsen I live at 24 Narrows Dr. in Petersburg. As a life long Alaska resident I am opposed to Proposals 98 & 99 seeking to cut the the harvest rate in the Sitka Sac Roe Herring fishery. The Department has done an excellent job of managing this fishery bringing the biomass from a low of 5000 tons in the 1970s to the present biomass of over 50,000 tons. That ten fold increase is a testament to this sound management.

I am also opposed to any proposals seeking to expand the closed area in the fishery as proposals 105 & 106 seek to do. It has been shown that a “reasonable opportunity” to harvest subsistence Herring roe is given to those that depend on this. Those that put forth the effort to harvest have been successful in meeting their subsistence needs.

Thank you for your consideration on these proposals.

Sincerely,

Yancey Nilsen