

My name is Fabian Grutter.

I grew up fishing with my family out of Sitka. I am a Gillnetter and a longliner.

I support Proposition 98 addressing the Sitka Sound herring Fishery.

I am worried that too much herring is taken. There is less for whales, king salmon, hatchery fish, halibut and about everything else in the sea. In every fishery that I am involved in (gillnet and longline ) I notice an increase in more predation from whales. Whales are taking black cod off of longline gear. Hatcheries are releasing twice as many fry in an attempt to maintain the returns that they want as whales feed on the hatchery fry. I think fisherman are taking to much herring. Whales and other animals are turning to non normal predation and affecting other fisheries. This fishery has a negative impact on the ecosystem.

The Sitka Sound sac roe fishery just does too much harm to all other fisheries.