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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I LIVE IN KETCHIKAN AND HAVE BEEN GILLNETTING FOR 12 YEARS, I HAVE THE PRIME-TIME AND FISH IN DISTRICTS 1,6, 11, AND DEEP INLET THA. NAKAT INLET THA IS A HUGE PART OF MY FISHING AND HELPS KEEP THE SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST FLEET SPLIT UP. REMOVING GILLNETTERS FROM ANITA BAY THA WILL STRIP A HUGE PORTION OF AREA 6 GILNETTERS SEASON FROM THEM. THIS WILL ALSO FORCE GILLNETTERS THAT DEPEND ON ANITA BAY TO GO FARTHER SOUTH TO NAKAT INLET TO MAKE SEASON GOALS. NO ANITA BAY THA FOR GILLNETTERS WOULD PUT TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON NAKAT INLET TO THE POINT WHERE THERE WOULD BE TOO

MANY BOATS AND NOT ENOUGH FISH.

I am a member of USAG and support the proposals they submitted (141, 154, 156, 157, 160, 169 and 170). I also support the on-comments USAG submitted about other proposals.

Thank you for considering this letter,

Blake Bousley