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Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fisheries Members,

I am an active Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnetter and having participated for eight years, and over twenty years in the fishing industry. My father was an active participant in the early years as a crabber and longliner and in later years gillnetted with me. My wife and children come out on some of the openings with me and my son in the years to come may make fishing his career. As you can see my family has three generations in this industry.

The terminal release areas are now the lifeblood of our gear groups and communities. Much of my income derive from enhanced chum areas and areas such as Anita Bay. I believe all gear groups need to have fair access and balanced allocation to the resources since we all contribute to the development of these fisheries.

I stand united with the USAG and their comments on Proposals 132, 133, 137, 139-146, 149-158, 160, 169-171 and 192-194.

I ask you to carefully think about the fairness and balance of the allocation between gear groups when you decide to cast your vote. Many families depend upon your decision.

Thank you for your time,

Silas Flor

