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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I, Brandon Kenfield, am a Commercial Fisherman residing in Wrangell, Alaska. I have been gillnetting in Southeast Alaska for 5 years with the majority of my fishing close to Wrangell, including the Anita Bay area. To remove our access from Anita Bay would have a huge negative impact on my livelihood, to the Gillnet Community as a whole, and to the local economy.

As a Wrangell local, I started in Anita Bay deck handing on a seiner for five years in that time saw very few boats get a lot of fish. The last few years as a gillnet captain I have seen the same thing time and time again. In this time, I have also seen many gillnetters from Ketchikan all the way to Haines migrate to Anita Bay trying to throw some sort of a season together after their normal grounds have failed.

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,

Brandon Kenfield

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