

For the board of fish from Sitka resident Frances Brann

I am not a commercial fisherman or a subsistence user. I am a cruising sailor who recently bought property in Sitka. Having sailed over much of the world I decided to have a land base in Sitka because it is such a special place. The herring are key to a lot that make Sitka special. The vibrant Tlingit community relies on herring. The whales, sea lions and eagles all eat the herring. The herring run is a wonderful time to be out on the sound enjoying the abundant wildlife. I am also told that the salmon eat the herring or herring eggs. The salmon support subsistence, sport and commercial fishing, fisheries it would be economically devastating to loose.

There are always hard choices in managing a finite resource, the State of Alaska does a vey good job by international standards. Lets keep this track record and close the herring fishery so that our herring do not go the way of Grand Banks cod or herring runs in other parts of Alaska. Sitka is special lets keep it that way.

Thank You

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