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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

Hello, My name is Shannon Vandervest and my boat's name is F/V Jane B. I live in Petersburg Alaska. I have been a gillnetter for 37 years. During my season I like to fish Anita Bay, Clarence Straits, Macnamara, Taku and Lynn Canal.

I am greatly concerned about the proposal to close Anita Bay to gillnetters. I am a direct marketer. I have many buyers that count on me to fill their markets for King salmon. I have had these markets for over fifteen years. With the King salmon restrictions that have been in place for the Stikine and Taku rivers, Anita Bay is the only place I can fish as a gillnetter for Kings. I depend on Anita Bay's King salmon to fulfill my orders.

Also, with restrictions in limited fishing time in districts 6 and 8 I have come to count on the chum salmon returns in district 11 and 15 to be my main source of income during my gillnet season. I thank you for the opportunity we are getting to fish these chum salmon.

If you grant seiners Anita Bay and other areas they are asking for it will be to the detriment of gillnetters like me.

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,



Shannon Vandervest