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4. If you can't sport fish for kings, you might miss out on a great day on the water and some fish in your freezer. If you can't fish from April to July, you can't provide income for your family or afford to be a troller.

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Proposal 182

I support an established start date for the second king salmon troll opener as long as there is a fair start. This would be a closure long enough for the freezer trollers to offload.

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Chilkat River and King Salmon River King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan,  
2018:

Page 20, Troll Fisheries (Option A), last 2 bullets: There is very little evidence in the ADF&G Tag data that Chilkat river kings are caught in Tebenkof bay during spring troll openings. Closing down an entire region for two weeks is excessive given that very few Chilkat kings are caught in district 113 and all of the districts south of Sitka. Many of the openings in the Sitka area are already only 1 or 2 days per week. *It doesn't make sense to close an area that is not impacting the Chilkat run.*

Page 21, Troll Fisheries (Option B). Second bullet: Limiting spring troll to terminal harvest areas would have a detrimental financial impact on the commercial troll fleet. Spring is where fishermen earn startup costs back and train their deckhands. Terminal harvest areas are limited in area and not a viable solution for the several hundred commercial trollers.

Page 22, Troll Fisheries (Option C)

Second bullet. Closing all spring troll would be catastrophic for the troll fleet. There would be no opportunity for income for at least 2 months and no opportunity to train a deckhand. This would severely limit employment opportunity fro those trying to enter commercial fishing. This was already evident this year—there were hardly any people walking the docks looking for jobs due to the spring king closure in 2017.

Third bullet: Moving the troll king opener back to July 15 would mean that there would be a seine opener in district 4 before a troll opening. Many of the kings that are allocated to trollers would be damaged or caught by the seine fleet. Trollers earn their money by providing a high quality product and the seine fleet is really hard on king salmon in district 4. When fishing in district 4 during the august king opener, it is very common to find net-damaged king salmon.

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Unuk River King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2018:

Page 14, Troll, Option B, number 3, spring troll

Most of district 13, 12, and others do not catch high rates of Unuk kings according to ADF&G Tag data. These areas can be open for spring troll, which allow fishermen opportunities to fish and will minimally impact Unuk kings. Widespread closures are not warranted and would heavily affect communities.

Page 15, Troll Fisheries (Option C)

Number 3, Spring Troll: Closing all spring troll would be catastrophic for the troll fleet. There would be no opportunity for income for at least 2 months and no opportunity to train a deckhand. This would severely limit employment opportunity for those trying to enter commercial fishing. This was already evident this year—there were hardly any people walking the docks looking for jobs due to the spring king closure in 2017.

Number 4, Summer troll: Moving the troll king opener back to July 15 would mean that there would be a seine opener in district 4 before a troll opening. Many of the kings that are allocated to trollers would be damaged or caught by the seine fleet. Trollers earn their money by providing a high quality product and the seine fleet is really hard on king salmon in district 4. When fishing in district 4 during the august king opener, it is very common to find net-damaged king salmon.

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