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Board of Fisheries

January 15-23

Sitka, Alaska

RE: Support proposal 94 & 104 Opposed to proposals 95,96,98,99,100,105, & 106

Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fish Members:

I was born and raised on Kodiak Island. I'm an Alaska Native fisherman that is enrolled in two tribes (Native Village of Port Lions & Native Village of Afognak), along with being a shareholder of three Native corporations (Leisnoi Inc., Afognak Native Corp., & Koniag Inc.) I've been a subsistence, sport, & commercial fisherman in Alaska for 38 years. I was privileged enough to attend Mt. Edgecumbe High School and watch the Sitka Herring Sac Roe Fishery out my class room window in the mid 1990's. For more than 10 years I participated in the fishery as a deckhand, skiff man, herring spotter observer, & tendering. In Fall 2014 I purchased my permit & now run the F/V Afognak for the Sitka Herring Sac Roe Fishery.

My family and I depend on Sitka Herring Sac Roe fishery for our livelihood. As a commercial fisherman I have a business plan to execute to pay for this permit I purchased 3 years ago. I do not see any biological reason to reduce harvest rate. I repeatedly here Alaska has the best managed fisheries in the world. I have only seen the ADF&G conservatively manage Sitka herring Sac Roe fishery as the overall biomass of herring around Sitka Sound has increased over the past 40 years. There is plenty of data already presented to you to support my stance on these proposals. I wish I could attend these meeting in person unfortunately I have another fishery that starts January 15, 2018. Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely,

Raymond May (owner F/V Afognak)