

My name is Kenyatta Bradley, My native name is Yaada chuune Kaa I am Naanyie Killer whale from Wrangle.

I have lived the majority of my life in Sitka Alaska

I own a boat and a 75 pot SE Dungeness Crab permit, I also have my 100 ton captain's license and submitted Prop. 60 to establish a Super Exclusive Dungeness crab Eco. Tour in Sitka area, you passed this Proposal 5 to 1 I thank you for your time understanding and deliberation on this proposal.

I live in Sitka by choice and plan to continue to make this my home unlike the majority of the Sitka sac roe herring purse sein permit holders.

You have herd the cry of the local natives... indigenous and non-indigenous and their desire to maintain a healthy biomass of herring in the sika sound area.

The herring bring us out of the dark winter months and bring abundance of life into the Sound.

I have read the reports given by ADFG by Mr. Kyle Herbert who does great comprehensive research based on what you tell him to focus on and the budget he has to do it.

But it is my understanding that ^{ADFG} his budget has been cut in half due to the fiscal crisis that the state of Alaska is facing right now.

And what a time for it to be cut a time of Ecological change such as ocean acidification and who remembers the Blob as well as invasive species like perch that give live berth year round I have witnessed them from Sitka sound to Hoonah sound in abundance. Not to mention the 40 plus humpback whales who now choose to live in Sitka Sound area through winter.

I believe the board of fish relies on **sound** science... (no pun intended) as they should but your scientists can only look where you tell them to look and they can only take their studies as far as their budget will carry them. I don't believe it is in the budget to study the many ecological changes we are experiencing.

In 1970 Sitka sac roe herring sold for \$1900/ ton today our precious herring sell for a insulting 150 to 200\$ per ton. I would pay 200\$ to see a ton of herring stay in the Pacific Ocean. Historically herring have gone for a more feasible price of 400 to 700 \$/ton (remember these sac roe are a delicacy in Asian markets.)

In 1970 a crew member made 25,000 for two hours of seining in Sitka sound.

There for it is my opinion these herring are being sold far under market value. A reduction to 10% Harvest rate will affect the market and drive prices up for these poor hard working Seiners. As adults we are supposed to be aware and seek after delayed satisfaction.

When Kyle Herbert gave his presentation he stated three factors that divert herring from spawning in the special subsistence area

1 80 plus boats with an average of 400 hp full throttle in circles in front of crow pass does not welcome the herring into the area.

2 sein nets dragging near the shallow waters of the subsistence area combined with prop wash and tide flow turns up sand and silt that is not desirable for spawning herring

3 when herring are caught near the entrance of the crow pass I equate it to creek robbing.

Therefore I support the buffer zone to the subsistence area. I belive the subsistence users take just as much of a gamble as the seiners do in hoping that the herring choose to spawn there.

My main fear is that the sika sound herring will go the way of so many other herring in Alaska. You can say what you want but facts are that there are only 4 viable herring fisheries left in Alaska. There are only 5 places the department can

afford to do comprehensive surveys due to lack of spawn and lack of funding other areas are ignored.

Since 2008 combined spawning biomass for all major Southeast Alaska herring stocks are in decline so with better science and ecological changes I encourage you to make conservative decisions on your allocation to the commercial purse sein fleet of the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery