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hello my name is vernon v hill i have the commercial fishing vessel f/v shirley n. we have been useing my boat to go to sitka to gather herring eggs on hemlock for years.befor i started useing my vessel we use to go with my brother paul rudloph on the f/v wyoming in the 80s.since that time i have noticed a large decline in the strength and areas of spawn.last year after the the intial first spawn and the commercial seine openings in the last week in march all that was lleft were spot spawns for the next two weeks .maybe only one or two days of of spawn in different areas of the northern areas of crow pass.not nearly enough to get good thick eggs on the branches.after over two weeks of trying last year and a lot of help from mike miller and the sitka tribe crew we managed to bring back about 5000 pounds roe on hemlok.we had to ration the amount that people could take home here in hoonah the first this has happened.i ffully support the sitka tribe and thier efforts to save the future of herring egg gathering in sitka!