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Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I am a third generation fishermen from Sitka, I have owned a southeast gillnet permit for 30 years and have exclusively fished in Sitka at Deep Inlet for the past 12 years. After 25 years I have recently retired off the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association's(NSRAA) Board of Directors. I am also a current USAG member as well as a past director.

I oppose the USAG and SEAS BOF 2018 Agreement RC 153. This agreement will totally devastate this fishery in Sitka creating unviable opportunity.

Thank you for considering this letter,

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