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Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fish Members:

If the board passes RC 153 "gillnet & seine" agreement, the specific section on Deep Inlet regarding 1 gillnet:2 seine for the 2018 season will be implemented by the NSRAA board but can be done in a number of ways. The regulation will require NSRAA to devise a fishing schedule that ends a fishing period with total fishing hours at a precise ratio of 1G : 2S; ADF&G would implement and announce through EO.

In discussion with some local Sitka gillnetters, gillnet leadership, and seiner leadership this afternoon, there was agreement that blocks of days will be considered. As an example, in a two week period, 4 days of gillnet : 8 days of seine with 2 days off until next rotation would adhere to the regulation. There are many options to consider. No specific time blocks were reviewed or agreed to, but the concept was endorsed. NSRAA will have a board meeting March 7&8, 2018 with the Deep Inlet rotation on the agenda. Fortunately, the March meeting is a typical time when the NSRAA board sets the rotational schedule.

NSRAA is not required to open on a 2 days gillnet : 4 days seine each week. Flexibility is key to solving this Deep Inlet piece of the puzzle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Reifenstuhl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Steve Reifenstuhl

General Manager, Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Assoc.