

To the Board of Fish:

RC 291

My name is Joel Jackson I reside in Kake, we have great concerns about the herring fisheries being over fished. Over the years we have watched the fisheries and the spawning area in Sitka struggle to produce. The quota has been going up. While we support people making a living commercial fishing, we are worried about the over fishing of the herring. It only takes one time of the herring not coming back to set a domino effect of everything that depends of this forage fish not showing up. Everything in the ocean, the land and the air depends on these little fish , the coming of spring the return of life in the ocean you can sense the excitement in the air as the whales , fish the birds big and small. So I support STA in their effort to regulate this important fisheries, we depend on the herring eggs that we have bartered for over hundreds of years.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Joel Jackson

Kake