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Board of Fish

As a gillnetter fishing exclusively in District 15 for the last nine years I would like to express a couple possible changes that I would recommend to the proposed Option B for the Chilkat and King Salmon rivers in RC 266 directed at the net fisheries:

- For the first two weeks open the area south of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef light.
- Extend the Boat Harbor THA to within 2 miles of the shoreline for these first two weeks.
- I support all other suggestions for District 15

Base on conversation with staff it is my understanding that most of the king salmon harvested in 15-C are from along the Mab/Bridget shoreline during the first couple statistical weeks of the season. Based on the chart below found in RC 7 page 44 with the restrictions placed on the net fleets last year we only harvested 10 Chilkat kings which only accounted for 4.6% of the total exploitation of the run

With the suggested change to Option B I feel that this percentage would be further reduced while allowing us to maximum our fleets fishing opportunity while minimizing hardship.

Thank you for your consideration

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Appendix C: Table 1: Harvest estimates using CWT methodologies for the Chilkat stock of Chinook salmon in various fisheries, areas and time periods in Alaska, 2002 through 2017, with preliminary 2017 estimates. Estimates of escapement, total runs and associated harvest rates are also shown.

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