

Chairman Jensen and Board of Fisheries members,

Seafood Producers Cooperative and it's 500 member-owners will be significantly negatively effected by opening the king season July 8th.

Closing the fishery for a fair start July 8 opening would require us resupply our whole fleet with clean holds and ice. This will cause a logistical nightmare and lost fishing time for our fleet.

Lost fishing time in a low volume fishery like trolling will give us less pounds to spread fixed costs over. Less pounds and rising costs mean fishermen will get paid less, since out high-end markets already pay a premium for the fish.

Our fleet testified that they were in support of a July 1. We have made significant sacrifices by loosing our hatchery king spring fishery.

Delaying our fishery past July 1 will save few fish because local kings have already passed through our fishery. Tag data has shown that a slight delay will not significantly change the number of fish taken since most of the run had moved inside by then.

Please open the Summer Troll Fishery on July 1

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