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Thank you Board of Fish and other interested parties for hearing my thoughts and deep concerns pertinent to the issues at hand.

I would like first to say that it is of my opinion that the board of Fish based on their science and math and ongoing efforts, have made sound conservative analysis regarding the longevity of the Sitka Sound Sac Roe Fisheries.

My name is Deborah Johns Head. I have been a resident of Southeast Alaska for 60 years. I am the daughter of the late Greg R. Johns Sr.

My father was a fisherman in this fishery from the beginning days of Sitka Sac Roe, till his death in 1989. I currently have a brother that is carrying on his legacy.

I come from a family that has always made our living from the sea. I myself have commercial fished for a greater part of my life. Many of them in the Sitka Sac Roe Fisheries.

I am also an Alaska Native.

From the time, Southeast Alaska was incorporated into the United States of America or the time we were made to become civilized or act according to western law, the issue of "Use of resources" for survival has NEVER really been resolved. Better known today as "subsistence".

Once again our lawmakers & decision makers stand before us forcing us to make hasty irreparable decisions based on less than the facts.

It is my strongest belief that the cart has been put before the horse. The issues at hand are becoming convoluted, blurred and is causing unrest and resentment among just the groups that needs to be working together as one.

The ROOT of the problem needs to be taken care of. At this point or in this meeting today, decisions should NOT be made. To hurry up and make decisions based on anything less than the facts would be reckless and a detriment to all groups here.

To set forth laws and regulations or to set precedence dictating the fair usage of the same resources would be a disgraceful decision, made in haste, or taking steps in a haphazard backwards direction.

I encourage all that are here to stand up for our fishing way of life; so that this legacy continues for generations to come.

I urge all parties to sit down at the table and come up with a plan that is beneficial to all.

Great collaborative decisions take time.