

Chairman John Jensen,  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairman Jensen and Board members,

My name is Frederick Phillips. I am a lifetime resident of SE Alaska and have lived in Pelican and Sitka (31 years). I am a third-generation salmon, sablefish, and halibut fisherman.

My comment on proposal 116 to establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit is as follows;

I strongly agree with the proposal by Carina. As a Chatham Straits permit holder and crewmember for two other permit holders I encourage the board to limit the nonresident anglers to an 8 fish annual limit.

The commercial Chatham permit over the last 10 years has dropped from 15,000 lbs to around 9,000lbs IFQ. Meanwhile the sport sector has steadily increased their take of the TAC.

I like the approach that the nonresident anglers should be held to a respectable limit and I feel this proposition encourages growth for new cliental while still providing adequate fishing opportunities.

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