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Board of Fisheries
Sitka , Alaska

Support for Proposals 94, 104
Opposition to Proposals 95, 96, 98, 99, 100, 105, 106

Dear Chairman Jensen & Board Members,

I have fished the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery for 31 yrs. I have also fished other sac roe fisheries in California, Washington and Alaska for 42 yrs. Of all the herring fisheries, Sitka Sound has been the most successful, because of the Dept management bringing a fishery with a 5,000 ton bio mass to the present levels 55,000 tons. This Management plan has been successful and I see no need for change.

I am opposed to Proposals 105 and 106 that close waters to commercial herring fishing. Herring spawn where they feel the environment is best. Increasing the closed area for subsistence does not mean the herring will spawn there. There is plenty of opportunity if the efforts are there. Please reject those Proposals.

Sincerely,
Mike Kurtz Owner/Operator
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