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**Board of Fisheries**

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**Support for Proposal 94 & 104; Opposition to Proposals 95, 96, 98, 99, 100, 105, & 106**

Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fish Members:

I am a tender operator and I work in the Sitka Herring Sac Roe fishery.

I am in support of proposal 94. Implementing a sampling system makes sense, so that fisheries managers can get more accurate numbers.

I am in support of proposal 104. With the closing federal waters around Makhnati for protection of subsistence and conservation the 2012 'Core Area' can be rescinded.

I am opposed to proposals 95 and 96. I don't see a need for these proposals, as the state has these areas under management already, and they can always close these areas in the future if need be. While under state management, the fish biomass has grown (From 5,000 tons in the 1970's to the current population of 55,000 tons), so I trust the state to manage the fishery responsibly.

I am opposed to proposal 98. The state has managed the fishery well at 20%, as evidenced by the biomass increase since the 1970's. I see no need to modify a percentage that has already been working well.

I am opposed to proposal 99. I do not see a need for additional regulation, as the population is doing well as is, according to the biomass numbers provided by ADF&G.

I am opposed to proposals 105 and 106. If the biomass was down from historic records, and the subsistence returns were low, I would be worried and support the proposals. But on account of the biomass improving over time, I see it as unnecessary to expand closed waters. If subsistence needs were being met in the 1970's, surely with the biomass where it is today, these needs can still be met.

Thank you for your time,

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