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My name is Morgan Miller, F/V Laura Michelle.

I want to say I DO NOT support starting the 8th for kings. There is no data that I have seen to be collected that will prove the Troller's impact on saving those stocks of concern, especially with the by catch of kings during that period. I believe it will have a negative impact on the fishery for not having any data with the by catch of kings those first 5 days. I believe it will also make it harder to meet our quota because the fish will have moved on and it will cause the king season to be longer and less productive. By closing the high abundance areas it will also create less fishing opportunity and make less hot spots by stacking the fleet up in select areas where fishing will be decent. This creates more opportunity for accidents and is not as safe for the fleet.

To turn around in the first 5 days of a fishery will also be a HUGE NEGATIVE impact on the plants to provide ice and unloading for all involved. Then the plants will have to do the same thing after the king closure. Making it more challenging to get our products to market with the limited shipping capability from our small towns.

I could go on about the by catch from the 1st to the 5th but if we loose the opportunity to fish Cohoes it will impact my business to the point of possibly selling out.

Respectfully,  
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