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Board of Fish
John Jensen, Chair
PO Box 115526
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Dear Mr Jensen, Chair and Board of Fish Members,

RE: MISC Business action to adopt a workgroup for SE Allocation Plans

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance was put on record yesterday as supporting USAG's non-regulatory proposal HQ-F17-75, my phone conversation with Chairman John Jensen started with a discussion about how the SE meeting might be organized, would there be multiple chances to testify and could herring be deliberated last as your meeting in Sitka overlaps with the IPHC meeting in Portland Oregon where many of us also have obligations to attend. That said we did discuss the proposal for a workgroup submitted by USAG and I commented that it could be **very educational** for a workgroup to be formed and look at how the various allocation plans both wild and enhanced work together. During that conversation I stated that I represent a multi-gear group that has seiners, trollers and gillnetters within our group and that I couldn't take a position. I did say that I would draft a charge statement for a workgroup if it was to be formed regarding the allocation policies I had mentioned in the conversation.

I understand that there is a letter from two of the three single gear group representatives opposed to and unwilling to participate in a workgroup. With that opposition, any workgroup would be a waste of time and unproductive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Hansen'.

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director