

September 27, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Trygve Westergard, and I can be contacted at Westergard@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan, and work primarily in Southeast and Prince William Sound. I have been working in aquaculture for over 15 years. I am a member of the Tender Association.

I work directly with a hatchery packing salmon, so salmon fisheries impact my livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%, and I do not support this. This decision will directly affect me and I see no proof or research that this will have any beneficial results. 30% of the statewide salmon harvest is a result of hatchery salmon, so hurting those working in this industry will negatively impact individuals like myself and the communities in which we live.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Trygve Westergard

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brannon Finney, and I can be contacted at brannonfinney@yahoo.com.

I own a fishing vessel, Alaskan Girl, am from Petersburg, and work primarily in Petersburg, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, and Prince William Sound. I have been working in Alaska's fisheries for 20 years.

I participate in numerous fishery and gear groups, including Seine (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Shellfish (Commercial), Herring (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Public Use, and Subsistence.

Salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Boat and permit payments are already a struggle as a new, young boat owner. This was an off year in SE Alaska. The unexpected production from a new hatchery outside of Sitka Alaska literally saved the fleet's season. Loans could have defaulted, entire family's could have suffered, but thanks to NSSRAs Crawfish program we were able to make an honest living. Petersburg is a fishing community. I do not think there is a single family in town without an immediate relative somehow involved in the fishing industry. If fishing suffers, the town dies.

I am aware that up to 30% of the statewide harvest of salmon is hatchery salmon. There are no hatcheries near our town yet, although everyone is excited about the promising Thomas Bay hatchery program that should yield returns next year or the year after. The revenue from that will be great for our town. Also, every fish caught by Petersburg Fishermen is good for our town as that money is always recycled into our community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brannon Finney

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Robert Schell, and I can be contacted at alfaye@gci.net.

I am a commercial fisherman of over 51 years from Sitka. I primarily fish in Southeast Alaska.

I own two vessels, Alice Faye and Troller-Longliner. I am a member of multiple local, regional fishery associations, including ATA, ALFA, HAL, Coal, and UFA. I participate in Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Trollers (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Subsistence fishing.

I am aware that the Board of Fish has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%, and as all salmon fishers in the state know, the hatchery chum fishery in Southeast saved many owners and crew from a disastrous salmon season in Southeast. There would be plenty of businesses in Southeast that would have suffered along side of the actual crews on the boats. The hatcheries provide opportunities for trollers to fish in the spring months targeting the valuable king salmon. They support gillnet fisheries and seine fisheries in this and other areas in Alaska.

Additionally, lowering the raw fish tax would hurt my community. There is a lack of funds to support Alaska communities with the tax. Any reduction, no matter how small would only make it more difficult for all members of a community dependent on this tax. They could only be replaced by higher taxes in the local communities. Sitka has rejected this option several times. The high cost of living here is causing residents to move from here and we all know what is happening in all of Southeast Alaska now.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Robert Schell

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Joel Tutt, and I can be contacted at Msfish1001@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and work primarily in Homer, Valdez, Prince William Sound, and Whittier. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry for over 24 years. I also operate my own vessel, the FV Midnight Son, and participate in Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Public Use fishing.

I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cutting my catch by 25 percent would have drastic repercussions on my ability to provide for my family and my ability to properly upkeep and maintain my equipment causing unsafe working conditions. My community benefits heavily from all types of fishing and it is a notable difference after a bad year of fishing how the local businesses suffer because of it I believe cutting by 25 percent would have the same ripple effect in the economy which would not be beneficial for anyone

Reducing the raw fish tax would also hurt my community. Less revenue in a community means quality of life goes down and less money is available for community projects

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Joel Tutt

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Walter Lemcool, and I can be contacted at wlemcool@hotmail.com.

I am from Wasilla, and have been working in the commercial fishing industry for over 10 years. I am a retired processor employee.

I was not aware that the Board of Fisheries was asked to cut production by 25%, but know that a lot of people would be negatively impacted by this change.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Walter Lemcool

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Andrew H. Scorzello, and I can be contacted at scoresomeelli@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Sitka, and work primarily in Sitka, Pelican, and Elfin Cove. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 25 years. I own and operate the F/V Jessica C, and participate in Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Shellfish (Commercial), Trollers (Commercial), Subsistence fishing.

Commercial salmon fishing impacts my economic livelihood in a significant way, as I would have to declare bankruptcy if the Board of Fisheries cuts hatchery production by 25%. People would get hit hard, and bills to the city would go unpaid.

If the raw fish tax was cut, services would also be cut while bills became more expensive. Both of these decisions are detrimental to my family and my community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Andrew H. Scorzelli

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Audrey Burton, and I can be contacted at audreyburton49@hotmail.com.

I am commercial fisherman from Cordova, and I work commercially out of Cordova. I have been involved in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 49 years. I now co-own a 31 ft bowpicker. I am the spouse of a commercial fisherman. I also have 2 sons who fish commercially. I was directly involved in the fishery until my retirement in 2013. I was personally involved in the seining fishery so the hatchery production directly involved me. I participated in Gillnet / Driftnet fishing.

Due to all of this, commercial fisheries impact my economical livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%, which would hurt my family and community. The raw fish tax also directly affects every commercial fishery community. The more tax collected affects how the city government operates (the tax base, school allotment, street maintenance, property taxes, and in general the entire operating budget). In addition the fishermen can or cannot afford to reside in Alaska because their income is directly related to the fish catch. Less fish equals less income.

Sport fishing should never take precedence over the livelihood of a commercial fisherman working to support his family, community, and state. In addition the hatchery programs were designed to provide fish for this very reason

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Audrey Burton

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rubye Foldager, and I can be contacted at Mayflower907@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and work primarily in Cordova, Copper River, Valdez and Prince William Sound. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry for over 3 years.

I am a member of CDFU, and participate in Seine and Subsistence fishing. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. It will devastate my family's and community's livelihood. It will put stress on our season to produce enough to live off of, therefore cause a more hectic environment that could be more dangerous than it already is. Cutting back will affect everyone's future in a horrific way. Our community thrives off of commercial fishing. We have families with lots of children depending on their fathers and mothers to give up their time to go work so they can provide the best life possible for their children. It is a custom that is passed down through generations. Cutting back will result in losing a culture due to fisherman having to go elsewhere for work.

Additionally, cutting the raw fish tax would hurt my community. Local businesses will be forced to close and the residents of this community will be forced to split their time somewhere else that can provide the needs a city is suppose to.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rubye Foldager

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Lance Preston, and I can be contacted at fvseaboylance@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Sitka, and work throughout Southeast Alaska. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry for 24 years. I operate my own vessels, F/V Seaboy and F/V Duna, and participate in Alaska Trollers Association, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association fishing.

Cutting my catch, and the fleet's catch by 25% would put most of us out of business. Also it would very much depress the economy of Sitka and other SE communities. SE AK coastal communities rely heavily on healthy salmon fisheries. Some communities are already struggling due to diminishing king salmon harvests. Cutting hatchery production would severely jeopardize the profitability of the salmon fisheries, the most important economic driver of most SE AK communities. The city of Sitka is already struggling to generate revenue to pay for its dam expansion project. Every little bit counts a lot right now.

Commercial fishing is the number one economic driver of SE AK and employs more Alaskans than any other single industry.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Lance Preston

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Mandy Wiese, and I can be contacted at mandylburton@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Anchorage, and work primarily out of Cordova and Prince William Sound. I have been commercial fishing in Alaska for over 20 years. I participate in Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, and Subsistence fishing.

Prince William Sound relies heavily on the hatchery runs to make up for the wild stock loss every season, this affects every fisherman's livelihoods, especially those who create their living solely from commercial fishing. Cutting hatchery production by 25% would be devastating for not only the fishermen, but the markets that provide fish for the rest of the world.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Mandy Wiese

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Nathan Tueller, and I can be contacted at ntueller@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Girdwood, and work primarily out of Whittier. I have been participating in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for over 28 years. I operate my own vessel, the F/V Golder Pacific, and participate in Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, and Public Use fishing.

The majority of the fish caught by seiners, myself included, are produced by hatcheries. Any reduction in their production would cause a similar reduction in my income, my family's income, my deckhands income, and my deckhands family's income, not to mention the land based processors, transporters, and resellers of those fish. Not to mention that hatchery fish are a significantly healthier than farmed salmon as food for Americans and the world. On big return years a 25% reduction is not a big deal, however, on the lean years (which also happen regularly) 25% is the difference between solvency and insolvency. We, as fishermen, of wildly fluctuating salmon returns, depend on the stabilizing income augmentation that these hatchery's provide us. Still we have to balance our finances over several years to stay in business.

The only processor in Whittier, Great Pacific, closed its doors in 2017. It reopened in 2018 as Whittier seafoods. The loss of this tax stream to the city of Whittier was brutal. this processor is the largest employer in town. The vast majority of the fish they process come from Esther hatchery or Main bay hatchery. Again, a 25% reduction to hatchery production would result in a 25% reduction in fish to process in Whittier, 35% fewer jobs, and 25% less in fish taxes.

These ACR's are out of cycle. The BOF reviewed PWS last fall, These ACR's should have to be heard in cycle, just like any changes we fishermen would like have to be. The attempts to change things mid season(as this summer) or out of cycle, is just an attempt to disenfranchise the significant portion of fishermen in PWS who would expect no changes to be heard by the board till 2020.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Nathan Tueller

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rebecca Leach, and I can be contacted at Tenderstjude@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan, and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for over 11 years. I own and operate my own vessel, the St. Jude (Tender). I am also a member of UFA.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would have a huge financial effect on our fishermen and would put our job security at risk. Naket chum returns have made seasons profitable when the outside runs have been slow. Ketchikan is home to processing facilities which depend greatly on hatchery returns. Additionally, reducing the raw fish tax would have detrimental impacts. Our town is struggling to support ourselves and we depend on the revenue based in our fishing to be a constant. Our community is already stretching it's finances too thin We have special tax allocations for many local projects. I don't know how we could make up for this loss

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rebecca Leach

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sharon Wolkoff, and I can be contacted at Sharonwolkoff@gmail.com.

I am from Kodiak, and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 5 years. My family is heavily involved in commercial fishing. My dad owned a 52 foot seiner and was a member of UFA. My brothers still fish, and our family's income relies heavily on the fishing industry.

Cutting fish production would be horrible for our livelihoods.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sharon Wolkoff

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Colton Tutt, and I can be contacted at Coltentutt@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and work primarily in Prince William Sound. I have been fishing for over 20 years. Grew up fishing with my father, and bought a Gillnet operation when I was 18. Four years later I sold the Gillnet operation and bought into Prince William Sound seining. I have been captaining that boat for 8 years now. I now own the F/V Veritas. I am also a member of CDFU and plan on joining the UFA.

If you cut our catch by 25% you would be cutting 75% of the profit/net earnings on average years -- perhaps making fishing unprofitable on poor years. It would affect every business that I enter in Alaska. It would take away from the money that I have to spend so proper boat maintenance. From money that would be spent eating out at local restaurants. Money that my crew members would be earning and in turn spending. Commercial fisherman have a huge impact on my hometown of Homer and it's businesses. Everyone knows when the fisherman have a bad year. Because it hurts their pocketbooks too.

I am a fourth generation Alaskan salmon fisherman. My family has been commercial fishing salmon in alaska for 86 years. I am married I have two daughters and a son due in December. As soon as they are old enough they will grow up fishing on my boat. Like I did with my father and he did with his before him. My grandfather was involved in the first egg takes for the AFK hatchery. The hatchery fish in prince William sound have been a mainstay for my family. I urge you to not decrease our hatchery production based on unproven theories that KSRA is pushing. I urge you to make decisions based not out of fear, but out of knowledge and understanding.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Colton Tutt

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steve Tutt, and I can be contacted at mweifish1@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 47 years. I own a 55' seine vessel the F/V Redemption, 32' gillnet vessel the F/V Mighty Wind and am a member of CDFU. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Public Use, and Subsistence fishing.

A 25% reduction in PWS hatchery production would severely impact my business, my annual profit margin is often in the 25% range so reducing production at this level has the potential to eliminate profitability, particularly on low volume run years. During the 2018 fishery almost all fish available to the gillnet fleet were hatchery produced, as difficult as the season was the hatchery runs of reds and chums kept it from being a disaster. 25% less income by the fishing fleet would have a cascading negative economic impact on many businesses and the city including harbor fees, Northern Ent Boatyard, Bulletproof Nets, support services of Marine electronics, engines, hydraulics, and Redden Marine. In years of abundance Spenard Builders and other local vendors see a significant increase in dollars spent on projects by fisherman. For example from September of 2017 through May of 2018 I spent more than \$100,000 with local businesses on nets, engine and marine gear, and other maintenance and repairs, as well as groceries and supplies for the fishing season. With less profit I would not have spent half that amount. Our local community businesses see a significant drop in business when fishermen have lean years, and there would be a lot more of them with 25% less fish available to harvest.

Additionally, fish taxes, like the raw fish tax, generated reduce the burden on the entire community, they are a benefit to everyone. These revenues would not be replaced, taxes on other goods and services would have to be increased to make up the deficit.

My family has participated for 4 generations in the commercial and sport fisheries of Alaska spanning more than 70 years, my three sons own and operate their own boats in PWS, they intend to have their children do the same. The Board of Fish has a good process and a schedule of meetings for each area of the state that allows all user groups to voice concerns and implement changes. It is imperative that all participants and user groups use the

established process and corresponding scheduled timeframes to get their concerns heard. To allow one group special privilege to implement significant change out of process does harm to the process itself as well as to all those whose voices are not heard and included. No ACR's should be considered out of due process or time as they are during this 'work session'.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steve Tutt

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rick Corazza, and I can be contacted at Fvgodspeed@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Anchorage, and fish primarily in Valdez and Prince William Sound. I have been working in Alaska's fishing industry for 34 years, and am currently operating the Royal Fortuna and Godspeed.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would be disastrous. Possibly be completely out of business if the prices didn't come up 25%. All my crews would lose their jobs. I employ 7 deckhands on my boats. Everything I need would be more expensive so that the ancillary businesses could try to stay in business. Hatchery production has helped Alaska immensely. And the wild runs like Bristol Bay still thrive.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rick Corazza

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dan Pardee, and I can be contacted at dpardee@takusmokeries.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Juneau, and have been fishing in Southeast Alaska for over 30 years. I operate the F/V Sentry, and am a member of the United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), and Sport Fishing.

A 25% reduction in hatchery releases would negatively affect my business model. As a southeast gillnetter we rely on these hatchery releases more than any other gear group, hatchery fish are a huge portion of our annual harvest. The proposed reduction will cost the communities and the State of Alaska 10's of millions of dollars annually in fishing wages, seafood processor wages, raw fish tax distribution, salmon enhancement taxes etc. Furthermore, it will also force many fishing families and seafood processor workers to seek additional public assistance funding costing the State of Alaska millions of dollars. Additionally, our raw fish tax dollars supplement the CBJ docks and harbors budget, the result of lower raw fish tax revenue would be further increases in boat moorage and stall rent as well as further increases in other fees. The city assembly would have to supplement those losses from the general fund, we would see further increases in property taxes and sales taxes to cover the loss of raw fish tax.

The State of Alaska hatchery program is vitally important to thousands of Alaskans, the program is well managed and all hatchery release sites are carefully chosen based on run timing in order to minimize wild stock interaction. Currently, there is no concrete scientific study that links hatchery salmon adversely affecting wild salmon. The current public process for approving hatchery sites and release sizes is sufficient, there is no immediate need for emergency BOF action that would result in economic hardship for thousands of Alaskans.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,
Dan Pardee

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Nathan Widmann, and I can be contacted at orionfisheries@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for 25 years. I operate my own vessel, the Orion, and participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, and Subsistence. I am a member of CDFU.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would dramatically affect my production as a commercial fisherman. It would be detrimental to our small fishery dependent community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Nathan Widmann

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tanner Ortland, and I can be contacted at [ortland.tanner@live.com/](mailto:ortland.tanner@live.com)

I am a commercial fisherman from Anchorage, and have been fishing in Prince William Sound for 4 years.

The salmon fisheries in PWS are already clogged with too many boats and not enough fish, cutting hatchery production by 1/4 would instill a sense of urgency among fishermen and create a more hostile environment among rival boats and a generally more dangerous work setting for deckhands and captains alike. On top of that total catch would be reduced by at least 25% on average which would essentially be a guaranteed pay cut for all fishermen. My friends and family would lose out on potential income so that old guys who have already made their retirement can continue to irresponsibly kill king salmon on the Kenai for sportfishing.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tanner Ortland

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Justin Nuzzi, and I can be contacted at justinnuzzi@rocketmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and participate in Gillnet / Driftnet fishing.

These proposals, such as the 25% cut to hatchery production or reduction of the raw fish tax, are beginning to feel like an assault to Alaska's open, resident first public process. The thing that's great about Alaska is that any resident or group can write a proposal for the 3 year BOF cycle and change the course of Alaska's Fish and Game laws. But to continue to write the same or nearly same emergency proposals for the third time, it is insulting to the process. The proposal's authors are making huge claims and asking the Board of Fish to take on a monumental task of deciding upon the ocean carrying capacity oceanwide, disregard the hard work and public process that went into building our hatchery production levels, and destroy an AK industry.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Justin Nuzzi

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Emil Nelson, and I can be contacted at nukapoint43@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and work primarily in the Lower Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound. I have been commercial fishing in Alaska since 1964. I own two vessels, Nuka Point and Cape Peirce, and am a member of UFA, NPFA, and CISeiners Association. I participate in Seine (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), and Sport Fishing.

If hatcheries were to cut their salmon production by 25%, I could survive but my deckhands dependent on crew shares to pay for college would suffer. A 25% cut, and a quarter less salmon, would hugely impact economic activity in the area. I believe that it is very misleading for anti-hatchery zealots to claim high hatchery stray rates in three local Homer streams can be applied to all streams in the area. The three streams cited have no natural production at all.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Emil Nelson

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jessie Nelson, and I can be contacted at nukapointfish@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 50 years. I am a member of UFA, NPFA, Cook Inlet Seiners, and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. I participate in Seine, Longlining / Groundfish fishing.

A 25% cut to hatchery salmon production would hugely impact my income. Cutting anyone's income by 25% would be very harmful. This margin allows a fisherman to do more than just basic maintenance on fishing equipment. It would curtail also contributions to high school sports, to the food pantry and to other nonprofits.

I have also heard that that raw fish tax might be cut, which I believe would lead to increased harbor fees. Coastal communities have a higher standard of living thanks to hatcheries. Their purpose was to stabilize fish production year to year. This allows support businesses to invest in their own growth. Why some folks wish to hurt fishing families and fishing businesses is incomprehensible.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jess Nelson

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Timothy Murphy, and I can be contacted at Fvkaelee@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer who has been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 28 years. I own a seine boat, and am a member of CRAA.

I typically, and exclusively make my livelihood fishing salmon in Chignik. In 2018 we literally had NO fishery, so I went outside of Chignik to try and make a living. I fished in Prince William Sound based out of Cordova, and the fisheries there are heavily dependant on hatchery reared salmon. To cut that entire regions economic opportunity- and in turn mine- would be insult and injury, my ability to pay bills, put food on the table, and keep my business operating would become a real struggle. 25% reduction means everyone has to compete that much harder for less to try and keep from losing their fishing operations. Increasing stress on members of the community, socioeconomic impacts all the way down to a lack of confidence in the fishery, with fishing operations unable to attract people to work for them.

I have also heard that the raw fishing tax may be cut. Ask the city of Chignik if this is a good idea, a town that received 100% reduced raw fish tax in 2018. The term shrivel up and blow away comes to mind when you talk about arbitrarily taking economic injections in fishing communities and denying them. These taxes will not be replaced. These are fishing communities.

lease pass on the the KRSA that sockeye returns in Alaska were below average all over the state except in Bristol Bay in 2018, and it is wrong to attack commercial fishers livelihoods as a scapegoat.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Timothy Murphy

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tracey Nuzzi, and I can be contacted at traceynuzzi@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and work primarily in Cooper River and Prince William Sound. I have been working in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 10 years, and own and operate the F/V Black. I participate in Gillnet and Subsistence fishing.

Ask any family! To reduce one's annual income by 25% affects how one makes a living. You would make changes to survive but at what cost. My Alaska is one where you can live within nature and make a living harvesting our natural resources. It is a respectable occupation to feed our growing world and good for the Alaska economy to rely on industries where small family owned businesses can thrive.

In the 1970s, the state chose to responsibly embark upon hatchery production as a means to stabilize a fishing industry, as well as provide sport and subsistence opportunity. Many lessons were learned from the lower 48 in regards to genetic concerns, maintaining separation from natural streams and gathering brood from local sources.

I ask the Board to review Alaska's part in the world hatchery system. The claim that we must lower hatchery production because it's harmful to chinook survival is not founded by science and seems to be quite a cost to experiment with such variables and limited data. There seem to be numerous theories as to the low state wide Chinook returns (i.e. killer whales, the Blob, etc.) and to just reduce hatchery production, it would not be clear if this change would solve the statewide issue. The cost is too high.

Our community in Cordova thrives on salmon. Salmon is our currency and has been for many years. Our community, its businesses, its residents would feel the reduction HEAVILY; while its uncertain what the effect would be to chinook survival. We are already starting to see stronger chinook runs on the Copper River after gulf ocean water temperatures have cooled more towards historic. Every year we are seeing changes in the ocean and fish runs that are new to fishermen and biologists. Please don't throw away an Alaska industry to react to these changes. It's too high of a gamble.

Additionally, any reduction in fish taxes would be devastating. Our community feels for state legislatures who are working to cost the budget and finds new revenue. We are also doing this at a city level.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tracey Nuzzi

September 25, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jonathan Thomassen, and I can be contacted at Jonthomassen@live.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Seward, and have participated in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 11 years in Prince William Sound.

I'm an up and coming seine fisherman. I have grown up doing it and decided to make it my career choice. I've recently bought into the fishery in 2017 and bought/fished a seine permit, and in 2018 ran my first fishing boat at 22. With the way the industry is, it's hard enough getting going and staying a float in the beginning stages of it all. If they were to cut a quarter of my catch, I would, with the way the fish are coming back recently, go under and lose my livelihood. A 25% cut to hatchery production would affect quite a few fisherman in my town, being that Seward has many boats going to the sound. It would also affect many businesses in the Seward area including; dry dock, repair shops, grocery stores, and icle seafoods. I wouldn't have those resources available to me when I needed them. Also, with more income in there pocket, it allows them to offer their services for a more reasonable price.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jonathan Thomassen

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steven Swartzbart, and I can be contacted at sswartzbart@gmail.com

I am a second generation commercial fisherman in Prince William Sound and the Copper River. I started operating the family boat when I was 18 and plan to have my children do the same. I am a proud member of Cordova District Fishermen United, and I own and operate the Alpine. It is a 30 ft bow picker that was built by my father. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Subsistence fishing.

The 2018 Copper River salmon season had one of the lowest returns in decades. This forced much of the fleet to concentrate their efforts on to enhanced stocks in Prince William Sound. Hatcheries this season saved us financially. This would directly cut my income by a large portion, up to 25 percent. A major cut would be very harmful to the individual fisherman and to all coastal communities in Prince William Sound. Additionally, fish tax is a major income for the city of Cordova. A cut to salmon production would be a direct cut to the already struggling city of Cordova. A cut to the 3.5% raw fish tax would be devastating to the city budget.

Enhanced stock production is based on scientific research. I believe that a scientific based approach should be continued to determine Prince William Sound Hatchery production numbers. Alaska hatcheries are a sustainable and generate 22 percent of the total common property commercial catch in Alaska. They support all user groups all over Alaska. Please protect our hatcheries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steven Swartzbart

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sylvia Lange, and I can be contacted at SylviaRL@me.com.

I am from a commercial fishing family in Cordova. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska since the age of 14 when I had my first gear license to gill net Copper River Flats in 1966. Took a hiatus to raise a family in 1988, during which time my husband and I had a tender and owned and operated a shore side fish processing facility. Now we have a shore-side business (hotel), as well as a salmon tender. So, 30 yrs about, directly fishing, 65 yrs all told. Our latest boat is tender vessel ARCH 1 (80 ft. packs 220,000 lbs RSW).

I am the spouse of a Tender operator, mother of 2 commercial fishermen, one of which owns/operates a seiner. I strongly support our hatcheries. I grew up in the salmon business with my folks. And later, with my own vessels for 20 yrs, both gill netting and seining. The 60's (pre-earthquake '64 and after) and early 70's were very lean times. Our natural runs were struggling. PWS seine seasons were cancelled. Limited Entry was created. The latter 70's brought the first real prosperity to our town once the returns built from the hatcheries. We had to rebuild again after the disastrous effects of the EXVOS and the down turn in Japanese markets in the late 80's and early 90's, and the huge impact of international fish farming on our markets. We did this by protecting and further investing in our hatcheries and a concerted effort to expand our markets, especially domestically and to other Asian countries. Having said that, any "tampering" with a good thing must come with some hard science and not before. We believe in, and have always supported, a sustainable fishery. But let the biologists be your guide. I have trust in a well run hatchery system that is built on sustainability and a strong working relationship between the governance of the hatcheries and the biologists of the ADF&G. Keep politics at bay, as much as possible.

How would a 25% cut to hatchery production impact Cordova? Difficult question to answer definitively, but any downturn in catch and processing, and it's resulting community multiplier, is a downturn in our community's economy. Beyond governmental agencies in Cordova, fish and fish processing is king and the driver of our economy. Always has been, always will be. One only has to go back 10-20 yrs, post-spill, to remember a time when this town was in a full blown depression due to lack of fish processing. As a small business owner of a hotel and restaurant,

it would definitely be felt in our bottom line. That has all sorts of multipliers as we order less, employ fewer people and cut back operating hours. As a salmon tender owner, we would likely see a reduction in our contract, maybe no contract at all. Again, everything we own and operate is in Cordova, and is dependent on salmon. Full stop. We lived through those bleak years post EVOS, we can tell you what bad looks like. We are still in recovery, frankly.

Cordova is wholly dependent on a strong and sustainable commercial salmon fishery. Copper River Salmon is our crown jewel, and the pinks and chums of PWS are our work horse. We need both. We need strong hatcheries. Can't be emphasized enough.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sylvia Lange

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Cooper Jewell, and I can be contacted at Cmjewell97@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for 3 years. I participate in Gillnet, Driftnet, and Seine fishing.

A 25% cut to hatchery production would hurt the Cordova economy and fishing economy by keeping an already large amount of permits and making the fishery even smaller. It would cause people to sell out of fishing driving down permit prices hurting people's net wealth. It would also drive people out of Alaska in search of a lower cost of living solution for the winter.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Cooper Jewell

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tyee Lohse, and I can be contacted at tyeefisheries@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been participating in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 17 years. I own a 50 foot seiner and 33' gillnetter. I am also a member of CDFU, and participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Sport Fishing, and Subsistence fishing.

A 25% cut to hatchery fish production would directly impact my ability to pay for my operation, pay my bills, and raise my family. My community would lose a huge portion of their revenue. That 25% can make the difference between having money for groceries and not having money for groceries. If the Board of Fisheries was also to cut the raw fish tax, the community would have to make up for the lost revenue by raising the cost of living.

The positive effects these hatcheries are having across the state far outweigh any negatives, salmon naturally stray and this just adds to genetic diversity in the species.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tyee Lohse

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Robert Widmann, and I can be contacted at bwidmann1@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been participating in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska since 1994. I primarily fish Aleutian King Salmon, and operate my own vessel, F/V Orion. I am also a member of CDFU.

A 25% cut to hatchery salmon production would possibly put us out of business. I believe that this would have a significant negative impact on several communities in Alaska as well as the region in general

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Robert Widmann

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Karsten Wood, and I can be contacted at karstenwood@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Petersburg, and have been participating in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 25 years. I own and operate my own vessel, the F/V Kaija V, and am a member of SEAFA and USAG. I also participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Shellfish (Commercial), Herring (Commercial), and Subsistence fishing.

A 25% cut to hatchery salmon production will pretty simply reduce my income from salmon dramatically. It would be a huge loss for Petersburg. Not only for the fisherman who will feel a substantial financial loss, but the processors, cannery workers, and all the local businesses that support commercial fisherman. Less dollars to be spent locally, welders, mechanics, etc.

A cut to the raw fish tax will also put us up a creek financially. We have two major salmon processors in Petersburg. Raw fish tax is a big reason Petersburg has been such a great place to live. I fear without the income from these hatcheries a lot of communities will become places young people do not want to raise their families. Myself included.

With Respect,

Karsten Wood

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kep Carroll, and I can be contacted at kccarroll5@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and fish primarily in Cordova/Area E. I have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 40 years, and own and operate my own vessels, the F/V Shiloh and the Full Draw. I am a member of CDFU.

Cutting hatchery salmon production by 25% would hugely impact me and my community. Cutting anyone's living my 25% would be detrimental! I believe this, coupled with a cut to the raw fish tax, would ruin Cordova.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Kep Carroll

September 25, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Elisabeth Babich, and I can be contacted at ketasissi@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Juneau, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 43 years. I own and operate the F/V Keta, and am a member of USAG and SEAFA. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), and Sport Fishing.

I depend on hatchery fish as apart of my income. A 25% cut to hatchery fish production would decrease the stability my family relies on from my income. As for my community: less money earned, less money spent.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Elisabeth Babich

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Timothy O'Connor, and I can be contacted at bestreekiller@msn.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Craig, and have been commercial fishing in Alaska for 11 years. I participating in Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Shellfish (Commercial), Trollers (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Subsistence, and own three vessels.

A 25% decrease to hatchery salmon production would drastically affect me directly for trolling and most of the community as well. Charter fishing, substance use by natives, sport fishing . As mayor of Craig we support directly 3 hatchery operations that enhance our local fisheries ,harbors, business ,jobs, and tribal person's. Hatchery salmon support many facets of our community. As Mayor of craig and a 11 year commercial fisherman I have seen the effects of poor returns on our people and our economy. Lack of fish means loss of jobs and traditional food stores.

This is a irresponsible and not thought out attempt to shut down the fishing industry in Alaska only to benefit a few sport fishing opportunities.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Timothy O'Connor

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Thomas Tomrdle, and I can be contacted at coolbreeze223@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Soldotna, and fish primarily in Whittier and Cordova. I have been participating in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for over 30 years, and am the owner and operator of the gillnet vessel the Decoy.

The proposed cut to hatchery salmon production brought forth by the Kenai River Sports Association would most likely put me out of business. I am a second generation commercial fisherman. For me and many of my comrades This gillnet fishery is a way of life not just a job. I feel as though K.R.S.A is again trying to play politics and spread propaganda right before an election. This decision would affect me and many coastal communities directly.

I spend thousands in many communities, including the one I reside, year round on commercial fishing related expenditures. If this reduction is passed odds are I will just have to walk away from fishing. This is a sad thought since this renewable resource has been a part of my and my children's life since the beginning. It bothers me that K.R.S.A uses flawed science and propaganda to further their agenda at the cost of hundreds of small communities that rely on hatchery and wild fish.

I believe this is just a start of a multi-part plan by K.R.S.A to try to drastically reduce the commercial fleet. I believe the next step is to try and pass a major tax increase on the commercial fleet.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Thomas Tomrdle

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dave Wiley, and I can be contacted at Dave@orioncharters.com.

I am a commercial sport charter operator in Valdez, and strongly support salmon hatcheries in Alaska. Cutting the hatchery production of salmon would negatively impact every business in Valdez. Commercial salmon fishing in Valdez generates 100s of millions for the fishery. All businesses are affected by this.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dave Wiley

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dave Ohmer, and I can be contacted at ohmer13@hotmail.com.

I am from Petersburg, and have spent the past 41 years working in fish buying and processing. With poor returns of wild pink salmon the last 4 seasons, any loss of hatchery chum production would be catastrophic. The last 2 years the SE Gillnetters and Seiners has survived because of hatchery chum production. A 25% loss of production to a fishing community like Petersburg would be a huge hit to our economy. Already we have fishermen unable to make boat payments and do needed upgrades and repairs. There is hardly a family in Petersburg who is not affected by the fortunes of the fishing industry. A loss of 25% of the hatchery salmon production would hurt this town badly.

Programs in Alaskan communities are already suffering from lack of oil money. Communities are raising taxes and reducing services throughout the state. Funds for needed programs like police, mental health and schools are already tight. Reducing the amount of raw fish tax we receive would further reduce our ability to fund these and other programs.

Hatchery programs have worked and the revenues they provide for our local fleets are irreplaceable. Families and communities would suffer from a reduction in hatchery production. I see no scientific evidence that hatchery salmon is harmful to wild stocks. Hatchery production must continue for the good of all Alaskans!

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dave Ohmer

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brandon Maxwell, and I can be contacted at Brandonm907@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Prince William Sound for 17 years. I own and operate the F/V Intruder and F/V Bowpicked, and am a member of CDFU.

Cutting my catch by 25% would make it hard for me to make my payments. I would not have much money leftover for gear and boat maintenance which is a very important part of my business. Hatcheries are a huge part of my community and other communities around the state. Cutting production down by 25% would make a lot of people involved in the fisheries have to look elsewhere for different fisheries, and jobs. This would decrease a lot of money coming to the communities that rely on these seasons very heavily. Prices of living will go way up making it hard for people to live.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brandon Maxwell

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is James Carter Hughes, and I can be contacted at carterhughes@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Sitka, and have been working in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 34 years. I am a member of Seafood Producers Cooperative SPC, Alaska Trollers Association, Alaska Longline Association, Chinook Futures, Halibut Coalition, and Chum Trollers Association.

My fishery has just been cut at the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Hatchery produced chums, cohos and chinook are now essential to the troll fishery survival. This is true of sport fishing for chinook as well. This would be suicide for salmon fishing in all groups in SE AK.

Sitka is where Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) is headquartered. Their most recent project, a chum salmon project located in Crawfish inlet came to fruition this year and proved a boon for both the troll and seine fleets. The money that went to the town off Sitka from the raw fish tax generated by deliveries to the three big processors, Seafood Producers Cooperative, Silver Bay Seafoods and Sitka Sound Seafoods was substantial and will play an important role in helping the city pay its bills this year. Cutting the hatchery production of salmon by 25% would be terrible for the City of Sitka and all its businesses, including the sport and charter based businesses.

Although there are equity issues associated with the access to hatchery produced fish, especially for trollers, I am a strong supporter of the hatchery programs in SE AK and I know their projects are strictly monitored by the ADFG. I think they do a good job and I am grateful for their presence.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

James Carter Hughes

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Klesper and I can be contacted at Boondockdave@live.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan, and have been engaging in Alaska's commercial fishing agency for 40 years. I own two vessels, F/V Hannah Point and F/V/ No Problem, and am a member of USAG.

The value of the hatcheries is irreplaceable to commercial fishermen. Cutting production by 25 % would be a economic disaster for me. Would you want to wake up tomorrow and do your same job for 25% less money? This year with low abundance of pink salmon in southeast hatchery production keep many boats working. For me 80% of my income came from hatchery production. Without it salmon fishing in southeast would be a disaster and would likely curtail crew job opportunities and maintenance the money just isn't there to be in business without hatchery production.

The hatchery production workers would be reduced management and office support staff would all decrease, and the 25% reduction would likely come species that have high rearing cost and would likely be eliminated completely like king and coho production that the sport and personnel use people have become so reliant on. The raw fish tax that would decrease and make local government seek more money from other sources local taxes state coffers and drive the cost of living up . General services and suppliers would see significant revenue declines as the hatcheries would need less of everything food fuel tools airfare welders construction workers and even less electricity .. the economy would see a major hit just like when the mills closed teachers would lose jobs as fishermen would leave the high cost of living in Alaska grocery stores would need less stock and help to supply remote orders. It's just not acceptable to crush community's.

I'll be voting to make that 25% reduction come from king and coho production and we'll see how well the sport industry likes that . It's not just commercial fishermen that depend on hatchery production . Every in southeast is affected by it that nice coho you brought home for dinner last night probably was produced by hatcheries so now you go hungry.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Klesper

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is James Burton, and I can be contacted at james.burton@ymail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for over 20 years. I own two vessels, F/V Cricket and F/V Big Sky, and am a member of NW Salmon Association and UFA.

Cutting my catch by 25% would be catastrophic in terms of its financial effects upon my business, my family, my crewmembers and their families. Aside from my own income, I hire and maintain a crew of 4-8 people throughout a given year, who rely upon the income generated by commercial salmon and herring fisheries.

Pink salmon fisheries would be especially affected by this reduction. Being an "every other year" fishery, and primarily known for strength on odd years, our slower even year returns would really suffer from a 25% reduction. Taking 25% of an already hard year, would likely be the difference between survival and going out of business for many salmon fishermen in Alaska, not just PWS.

I have the pleasure of serving the City of Cordova as a member of City Council. From a community perspective, a 25% reduction in raw fish tax dollars received from commercial salmon fisheries in PWS would have a detrimental impact on the finances of the city.

From a community member / business owner perspective, this translates into financial and therefore economic hardship that trickles throughout the entire local economy. Every business in Cordova, not just those who service the fishing industry, would suffer.

As stated above, a reduction in raw fish tax would be detrimental to the City of Cordova. The only possible way to sustain levels of services would be increases in sales taxes, property taxes and requests to the State of Alaska to supplement the city budget. More likely, however, is a reduction of services in Cordova. The City would be unable to meet the financial needs of basic services, providing support to our local schools and medical center.

With decreasing State and Federal funding, it is unlikely that the tax revenues could be replaced at all. Property tax rates are already in the neighborhood of 12 mils and we have a city sales tax of 6%. We cannot tax our way out of a loss of this crucial revenue stream.

I've fished Prince William Sound since I was born in 1980. Our hatchery program here, was created by commercial fishermen to supplement wild stock fisheries. In 2017, PWS experienced one of the largest wild pink salmon returns ever in the Northwestern district which has struggled with low return numbers for decades. The NW District is situated between 4 salmon hatcheries in PWS. Ask yourself this, if hatchery production negatively affected wild stock production, how could this struggling district, surrounded by hatcheries produce the strongest return in my lifetime? The answer is, it couldn't. Hatcheries in Alaska are under attack by speculation, and those arguments are not backed by science. Please do not make your decisions based upon the emotions of certain user groups, and instead, rely on science and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

James Burton

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is William Harris, and I can be contacted at Wildwjh@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Port Lions, and have fished out of Bristol Bay, Kodiak, and Prince William Sound for the past 55 years.

I am against the 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. Cutting the catch would cut my contract to fewer days, which would mean less money for the boat and crew of four. Please leave the hatcheries alone. More fish means more money. Win-win for everyone in the state and communities.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

William Harris

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rick Johnson, and I can be contacted at polarrick@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Wasilla, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 48 years.

The proposed cut of 25% to hatchery salmon would make it almost impossible for me to remain in the commercial fishing industry on years that produce weak runs. I believe that this cut would further cripple the communities that rely on salmon harvests. I am very surprised that this cut is even being considered, given the reasons stated.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rick Johnson

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Glasen and I can be contacted at ccomfort@ctcak.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 30 years. I fish primarily in Prince William Sound and Copper River.

I am not in support of the 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. This season (2018) is a perfect example. Copper river was closed so hatchery fish were our only option. Cutting 25% would have been devastating. Cordova's economy is solely based on fishing so again it would be devastating. Less money made by fisherman would have a snowball effect on every business in town.

The state of Alaska is broke and the city of Cordova is already struggling so maybe we put a tax on the 250000 nonresident sport fisherman that come here every year and take salmon that belong to the residents of Alaska. And on a side note those 250-300000 nonresident sport fisherman do not have to report there catch. Be nice if BOF would do something about that. Something other than the survey that has 9000 responses and somehow come out with an accurate catch total for 250-300000 nonresident anglers.

Our PWSAC hatchery program benefits all user groups in PWS and every city on the road system to Whittier. And it is at no cost to those users. If the Anchorage people wonder about dwindling stocks then they need to look in the mirror. Cook Inlet has a pretty small run 3-5 million. Alaskan sport fisherman need to realize that comfish in Cook Inlet is no longer to blame. Sport fish is the largest taker of king salmon now, and since the largest portion of Sportfish is nonresident, don't give non residents a king stamp.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Glasen

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Michael Adams, and I can be contacted at blueberryhill@gci.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 30 years. I operate the F/V Redpack, and am a member of CDFU. I take part in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), Sport Fishing, Public Use, and Subsistence.

I oppose the proposed 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. Less fish means less fish tax dollars, which would hugely impact our entire communities. I can't imagine how the schools would be able to function, much less commercial fishermen and their families.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Michael Adams

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kade Butler, and I can be contacted at Alaskafish88@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 5 years. I own and operate my own vessel, the F/V High Seas. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), and Herring (Commercial) fishing.

I oppose the 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. It would hugely affect my business in many negative ways. That 25% is what pays for my payments every year. Without that I could lose my whole operation. The community would lose money. Fishing boats would have a harder time finding crew.

Please keep our hatcheries 100%.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Kade Butler

September 24, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Caitlin Rodriguez, and I can be contacted at Cait.e.rodriguez@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Anchorage, and have been fishing from Cordova, Whittier and King Cove for 5 years.

My household's (two contributing commercial fisherman) source of income is directly tied to the capacity and reliability of the salmon harvest. Cutting hatchery production would significantly reduce the Prince William Sound chum salmon run; a hatchery run that has supported my income and business for years. While wild stocks are of great economic value to Area E gillnetters' annual harvest, I believe hatchery salmon are the backbone to sustaining my livelihood and ensuring my profession continues from one year to the next.

My community is composed of those I spend tireless days with both out on the water and in at port. We are all bonded through the chaotic yet rewarding struggle to harvest a resource that, during some years, only proves to be the means to the same end; a chance that next year's run will provide. Reducing the sustainable hatchery production places my community under increased financial pressure, risks yielding individual operations unsustainable, and devalues an industry that provides invaluable jobs for many women and men.

I often rely on the resources of small towns, whom are often sustained by fish tax, to maintain a fishing operation. Reduction in community resources, and risking population reduction may result in less resources, such as hard goods, food, and skilled labor, for my commercial fishing operation to succeed.

The argument as published in ACR 2 is brief, not well supported, and relies on arguments made nearly 2 decades ago. I would be interested in hearing a fuller testimony but cannot be persuaded by the limited argument provided.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Caitlin Rodriguez

September 25, 2018

Board of Fish
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Egan Center
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Becki Shipman, and I can be contacted at beckishipman88@gmail.com.

I am the spouse of a commercial fisherman, and we live in Cordova. He has been fishing in Valdez, Prince William Sound, and Cordova for 31 years.

In 3 years, I don't remember the Copper River being as bad as it was this year. If it wasn't for the hatchery run and Esther itself, I can guarantee Area E fisherman would be starving more than they already are. Cordova relies heavily on the fishing Industry to keep our little town open and running. The hatcheries help do this. Cutting hatchery numbers has no benefit to anyone, in my opinion. I'm just in awe that it's even on the table to do so? Please think hard and vote against cutting any hatchery production.

Cutting hatchery production would seriously impact the Community of Cordova financially, in many ways. It would cut the income for the groceries stores, people wouldn't be able to afford to stay in Cordova, hence cutting the school population and federal monies the school receives based on student counts. I can't think of one thing it would not negatively impact.

I also oppose a cut to the raw fish tax. I can hardly afford to live in Cordova now. Anything being taken away financially, would most certainly move a lot of our residents out of Cordova.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Becki Shipman

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Egan Center
555 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Bernard Culbertson, and I can be contacted at myninkasi@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Valdez, and have fished commercially in Alaska for 40 years. I am a member of CDFU, and own my own vessel, the F/V Ninkasi.

Lowering the available harvest numbers of salmon would obviously get us closer to the break even point in our business. We don't operate on that large a margin after paying our crew, insurance, moorage, and maintenance. Fishing and Social Security are my only sources of income and to continue living in Alaska at the higher cost of living we have without the input of hatchery fish would make staying here a challenge. At 73 I don't need more challenges. To me, salmon symbolize answer. Salmon also play a huge role in sustainability, and ANSWER.

A large portion of the outside money into our economy in Valdez comes from tourist and fishing vessels coming to town. The groceries, fuel, moorage, and restaurant business would all suffer. There are two major processing companies in Valdez. Silver Bay and Peter Pan Seafoods supply their fleets throughout the summer with groceries for the local stores and marine parts and equipment from local vendors. The loss of this income would adversely affect every section of the Valdez economy.

The area has a number of young fishermen entering the fisheries that have taken State of Alaska loans to get them started. You have to ask yourselves how they will be able to pay back the state and is the Board of Fish willing to cut these young Alaska citizens' out of their chosen livelihoods..

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Bernard Culbertson

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kurt Jones, and I can be contacted at kurtjones68@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for over 40 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V Stranglehold, and am a member of CDFU.

I am very opposed to the 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. Without Hatchery common property harvest the 2018 season would have been a complete and total failure.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,
Kurt Jones

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jeff Olson, and I can be contacted at jeffolsen62@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have fished primarily out of Cordova and Whittier for 37 years. I operate my own vessel, the Jacqueline Kay, and participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), and Sport Fishing.

I vehemently oppose the 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. It would bankrupt me. Due to allocation issues with wild stocks and an inexperienced gillnet biologist/manager, there is no way I would be able to make a living. It would also effect Whittier, Kenai/Soldotna and Homer the most because w/o the hatcheries many recreational fisherman wouldn't go to Whittier, because there would be no opportunities other than bottom/rock fish and shrimp. The Peninsula couldn't handle the extra burden. Cordova would be hurt because obviously local residents would have to leave after the fishing season to find jobs to support them over the winter and/or to avoid such a high cost of living. Businesses would close in the winter, creating a ghost town.

If the raw fish tax was also cut, I would have to move to a more affordable community. As a member of the beleaguered area E gillnet fleet, I can tell you that we don't have much fight left in us. We've been kicked around pretty good and frankly it's taking its toll. Losing 25% of hatchery production would cluster the seine and gillnet fleet together, and cause further division and economic hardships.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jeff Olson

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Michael Gion, and I can be contacted at gion3190@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have fished Prince William Sound for 5 years now. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Longlining / Groundfish (Commercial), and Herring (Commercial) fishing.

Cutting hatchery salmon production by 25% would take out our ability to sustain what we are able to catch and with 250 active permits for seining our return should dramatically change for a loss in just a few years. Additionally cutting the raw fish tax would make it harder to raise children, both due to price of living and funding for schools.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Michael Gion

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Branshaw, and I can be contacted at davidbranshaw@ctcak.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for over 40 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V Hero, and am a member of CFDU and UFA.

Cutting the salmon hatchery production by 25% would have substantial negative impacts. Our community would suffer, perhaps irreparably.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Branshaw

September 30, 2018

Board of Fish
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Matt Honkola, and I can be contacted at matt_honkola@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for over 20 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V UNA Darling and participate in the gillnet, seine, and subsistence fisheries.

Loss of hatchery production by any amount would be devastating for me, I can hardly keep up with loan payments and maintenance as is. Cordova exists because of commercial fishing, any loss would have a terrible impact.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Matt Honkola

September 30, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Bill Mathisen, and I can be contacted at billandr@arctic.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Nome, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for over 20 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V Belmont Rose and participate in the commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries.

Hatcheries play an important role in the fishing industry. I have been advocating for salmon hatcheries in my region for over 25 years. Hatcheries support one of Alaska's most important resources.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Bill Mathisen

September 27, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Cecilia Wiese, and I can be contacted at cecewese@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and am the spouse of a commercial fisherman, having been a partner/crew in my husband's fishing/tendering/longlining endeavors and am currently employed by an aquaculture corporation.

The cost of doing business in Alaska and in the fishing industry are considerable. That 25% may be the profit margin of a business. A reduction in income would reduce the ability of a fisherman to maintain his fishing vessel or reinvest in equipment which could lead to unsafe working conditions. One's business as a whole may be jeopardized should one not be able to make loan payments.

Cutting hatchery production would lead to a trickle down effect. This would be represented by fishermen not being able to purchase supplies for repairs, the many vendors supporting the fishing industry would suffer. Reducing the catch reduces work at the processors, reducing the income of those workers. With the loss of tax monies the community turns to increased taxes from citizens.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Cecilia Wiese

September 28, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dennis Thacker, and I can be contacted at dennisthacker@yahoo.com.

I am a resident of Willow and have been fish spotting in the Southeast salmon and herring commercial fishing industry for 34 years. I own an airplane with the tail number N61387 and am a member of PVOA and UFA.

Cutting hatchery production would be very bad for our business. This year, the late season chum return in Crawfish Inlet saved our season from being a complete disaster to being a normal season as far as income was concerned. Crawfish Inlet is a remote release site of NSRAA in Sitka. *All reduced salmon production would affect our communities in a detrimental way.*

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dennis Thacker

September 28, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Shaun Haseltine, and I can be contacted at shaunhaseltine@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Klawock, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 37 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V Sweet Woodruff and participate in the commercial and sport fisheries.

Hatchery produced fish are vital to our industry and a 25% cut would be detrimental to our season. Enhanced fish enable us to withstand the highs and lows of wild salmon returns. This cut in hatchery production would lead to the following: lower income for commercial fishermen; less enhanced fish in the water utilized by all user groups; lower raw fish tax income; and, a loss of year round hatchery jobs.

The community in which we live (Craig) relies heavily on raw fish tax from a Silver Bay processing plant, and a Phillips cold storage buying station. If this raw fish tax is lowered, local programs would be cut, including the harbor department's budget.

Hatcheries support one of Alaska's most important resources. Salmon also play a huge role in sustainability, and I believe above all we protect our wild stocks. I would ask that the board rely heavily on scientific data and not make a rash decision which will negatively impact thousands of Alaskans livelihood. Thank you..

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Shaun Haseltine

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jessica Klix, and I can be contacted at daisyklix@yahoo.com.

I am a subsistence and Public Use fisherman from Cordova. I have been engaging in Alaska's commercial fishing industry as a net mender for 5 years.

I do not support the proposed 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. Any cut will affect us. If we have a great year it may or may not be so bad but in years like this last one many may not get anything at all. We need this to keep our little town going. Fishing is our main industry here. When Cordova is made even more unaffordable, there will be more crime for those who cannot afford the price of living.

These small towns and villages depend on the fishing season. For every year the fishing season isn't good we see the impact and it's getting harder and harder to afford to stay. Taking more from the fishing will just hurt even more.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jessica Klix

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Byron Cullenberg, and I can be contacted at byron.cullenberg@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Palmer, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for 16 years. I operate my own vessel, the F/V Blessing, and participate in Gillnet fishing.

Cutting hatchery salmon production by a quarter would be drastically negative. How would anyone feel if someone came to your workplace and told you that the business you are half a million invested in is going to take a 25% pay cut but all expenses stay the same or increase? I believe this is all for the sake of sport fishing... How many times can one keep punches themselves in the face before they realize it hurts.

I think we should increase hatchery production by 25+1%, so please protect Alaska's hatcheries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Byron Cullenberg

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Torin Pfundt, and I can be contacted at torinpfundt@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Petersburg, and have participated in Alaska's commercial fishing industry as Seining and Longlining for 10 years.

I do not support the proposed 25% cut to hatchery salmon production. It would affect the bottom line of what I make every summer and the ability for my business to actually grow. I think that having less money in the pockets of the fisherman would also make them less likely to spend money freely throughout the community

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Torin Pfundt

September 24, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steven Gildnes, and I can be contacted at fvcapeelrington@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Prince William Sound for 44 years. I own the F/V Cape Elrington and F/V Cape Hinchinbrook, am a member of UFA, and participate in Gillnet and Seining.

A 25% loss of fish catch on my boats would Change my financial life 100%. With fish a game managing the copper river gillnet fishery for upriver users I wouldn't have made any money this year. We fished 3 12 hr openers on the copper in May. Although it was a huge run of chinook we couldn't catch any because of mismanagement of the enhanced king salmon closure areas. Because of the enhanced king salmon closure areas I was forced to upgrade my gillnet boat from a single engine low bow gillnet boat to a twin engine high bow ocean traveling vessel. A bigger boat cost more to run, store, more parts to fix, more engines to fix or replace. It's not cheap running these ocean bow pickers. I made money fishing hatchery chum salmon at Easter island. If it was reduced by 25% I wouldn't have made a penny. I would have lost money. I'm 3rd generation I grew up on the boat. I've spent every single summer of my life on a tender a gillnetter or Seine boat. I wouldn't no what to do. I'd be relying on the government to support my family.

A 25% reduction seining would be the same response as above. I barely made money this year. I would have lost which makes it impossible to find crew. Fix nets, boats, equipment, hydraulics, insurance. In short it would put me out of business. I would have to move to a city in a state that would be difficult to live a happy life. I'd move my child to a different school. It would change my life and my sons life.

Cordova relies on fishing. If we lose 25% this city goes broke. I think it's almost broke today. These coastal fishing communities are special. There are no other cities/towns like this. We compete against each other one day. The next day we are helping each other fix boats or nets or engines. We help each other with our children, our wives help each other when we are fishing, it's special and sacred. I love Cordova and it hurts that sport fisherman want to destroy

our way of life. What are we supposed to do? Why is it so important for wealthy sport fisherman to ruin lives. I don't get it.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steven Gildnes

September 23, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jeffrey Golden, and I can be contacted at foreverwildfisheries@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing Prince William Sound and Copper River Delta for 13 years. I participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial), Sport Fishing, and Subsistence fishing.

A reduction in hatchery production would be devastating to my way of life. My family depends on hatcheries operated by VFDA and PWSAC to produce enough fish to provide a consistent and liveable income. When wild runs fail like the Copper River in 2018, it was these hatcheries that saved my season and kept me from bankruptcy. The last few years have been poor fishing seasons, reducing our production by 25% would keep me from breaking even most seasons.

A devastating cut in our hatcheries production would mean more bad seasons when our town's tax base is already overburdened. With the last few years being poor or mediocre seasons, our towns revenue from fish taxes and sales tax have been minimal and our city has had to reduce spending and seek other forms of tax revenue. It's already very expensive to live here and I fear increased taxes and high cost of living combined with 25% less fish to catch will turn my wonderful town into a ghost town. Fish and these hatcheries are our lifeline that everyone in my community depends on.

Please vote no on reducing hatchery production. You will be destroying my way of life to appease someone who's livelihood does not depend on hatchery fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jeffrey Golden

September 23, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Elmer Cheshier, and I can be contacted at ej3d@ak.net.

I am a commercial fisherman in Cordova, and have been fishing in Prince William Sound for 48 years. I own two vessels, F/V Blue C's and F/V Big Azul, and participate in Gillnet / Driftnet (Commercial), Seine (Commercial) fishing.

Decreasing my catch by 25% due to a cut in hatchery salmon production would be like stealing 25% of income from me and my family. The community of Cordova would not exist in 2018 had it not been for helping ourselves out of financial ruin by building our hatcheries to supplement our wild salmon runs. Additionally, raw fish taxes make up the bulk of our local government revenue. Cordova cannot exist without revenue from hatchery fish. Period.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Elmer Cheshier

September 23, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Bret Bradford, and I can be contacted at bretbradford@ak.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound for 10 years. I am a member of CDFU.

A 25% decrease in catch would essentially be a 25% cut in revenue. A 25% decrease in any revenue stream would have immediate and harmful effects on any business. This would mean a substantial decrease in raw fish tax collected by the state. Which, in turn would mean lower raw fish tax distributed by the state to Cordova. Currently the City of Cordova's budget would be in serious trouble with any type of decrease in revenue.

Please understand that the predators that feed on hatchery produced fish would be affected as well. There are more predators in PWS and CR Delta than when hatcheries began production many years ago. A 25% decrease in production would mean a much larger decrease in fish caught by commercial, personal use and sport fisherman.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Bred Bradford

September 23, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Eli Johnson, and I can be contacted at eli.johnson@gmail.com. I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 35 years.

If hatchery salmon production were to be cut by 25%, fishing income would drop dramatically, plus local business I own in Cordova would suffer year round due to less income for residents and seasonal. Although there are wild runs, they historically have been inconsistent which is one of the reasons why the hatchery programs were started.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Eli Johnson

September 23, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kenneth Jones, and I can be contacted at fvsamani@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been participating in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 16 years. I am a member of UFA and CDFU.

The proposed cut of 25% to hatchery salmon production would severely affect my business in a negative way, I would have to make huge changes in how I operate my business. Some options in order to handle this substantial cut would be to lay off employees and spend less money at local retailers on outfitters. Cutting hatchery production in prince William sound would drastically hurt Cordova's local economy. Retailers, restaurants, grocery stores, repair shops, and the local government would all see a reduction in their annual revenues due to lack of fish harvested by the over 700 commercial fishing boats that port in Cordova.

As a city council member, I know first hand how tight local budgeting can be. The raw fish tax revenue is a huge portion of Cordova's annual revenues and also reducing this would greatly hamper the local government's ability to pay for essential services and education.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Kenneth Jones

September 22, 2018

Board of Fish
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Russell Cockrim, and I can be contacted at Russ@vikingmaid.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan, and have been working in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 43 years. I own my own vessel, the F/V Viking Maid, and am a member of Southeast Alaska Seiners and UFA.

I do not support the proposed cut of 25% to hatchery salmon production. If we lose 25% our business we will become less secure in our finances and the crew will suffer most. The 25% would be equivalent to our entire profit on an average year, so the boat maintenance and safety will suffer first. Every seiner also has a crew of 5 with many of them in college. Fishing communities would suffer across all user groups, including personal use and sport fishing. The first programs to be cut would be King, Coho, and Sockeye

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Russell Cockrim

September 22, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Bill Connor, and I can be contacted at Crfbc@aol.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Petersburg, and have been fishing Petersburg, Prince William Sound, the Gulf of Alaska, Western Gulf and Southeast since 1975. I am a member of UFA, PVOA, AGDB, and Southeast Seiners.

Without the hatcheries in Southeast this year the seine fleet would have had a complete disaster for vessel owners and crew. The seine pink catch was around 7 million fish, or 26 million pounds at .50 cents a pound. This equates to roughly 13 million dollars for 260 boats, or equal 52,000.00 per boat and 4 crew for most boats. Throw in 7 million hatchery chum salmon, or 50 million lbs at .95 cents a pound, and you add 190,000.00 to each 260 vessels season and the crews and vessel owners now have made a living. A reduce any hatcheries production and commercial fishing vessels crew and villages on the coast will be hurt considerably.

If hatchery production are cut, the crew personal will not make home payments, winter jobs will dry up , and individual will begin leaving the coastal villages for more secure work turning out towns into economic disasters.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Bill Connor

September 22, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is John Skeele, and I can be contacted at johnskeele@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Sitka, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 41 years. I operate my own vessel, F/V Sunfish, and am a member of ALFA, SEAFA, and USAG.

Cutting hatchery salmon production reduce my income by the same percentage. As a Sitka gillnetter, about 99 % of the salmon I catch are hatchery [enhanced].

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

John Skeele

September 21, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Edward Day, and I can be contacted at pwsconnection@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Valdez, and have been fishing from Valdez and Homer for the past 41 years. I operate the F/V Talia.

Cutting hatchery salmon production by 25% would affect my ability to repay loans, maintain my vessel properly, and support my crew members that fish year around and are trying to raise families. Many small businesses rely on the extra cash flow from influx of people who catch, process and ship our salmon.

The pink hatcheries enhance sport fishing in our state. Which is a economic benefit to us. The pink salmon fisherman pay for this. Cutting our production would affect many infrastructures.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Edward Day

September 21, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steven Horn, and I can be contacted at sehorn52@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Kodiak, and have been fishing in Bristol Bay for 53 years. I operate my own vessel, F/V Gallant Girl, and am a member of UFA, Kodiak Seiners Association, Kodiak Regional and Aquaculture Association.

Cutting hatchery salmon production by 5% would significantly reduce my income and that of my crew. This would also have huge ramifications to my community. I have been involved in the salmon fisheries since I was a child and have seen the benefits of Alaska's nonprofit hatchery program stabilize the salmon industry any cuts would be detrimental to the people and communities involved

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steven Horn

September 21, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dugan Daniels, and I can be contacted at pacificbounty@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Sitka, and have been fishing in Alaska for over 20 years. I operate my own vessel, F/V Pacific Bounty, and am a member of ATA.

I am a troller and this year was a very low abundance. We additionally took a big hit on the Pacific Salmon Treaty. To reduce hatchery production at this point would be devastating to my operations and everyone I know. To be honest I can't even believe this is up for debate.

The community of Sitka relies very heavily on hatchery production with the worlds biggest troll fleet and Seine and gillnet as well

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dugan Daniels

September 28, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Henry Wiese, and I can be contacted at wiesefam@ctak.net.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for 50+ years. I operate my own vessel, the F/V Coracle and am a member of CDFU and UFA. I participate in the commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries.

A decrease in hatchery production will negatively impact the number of salmon available for me to harvest. This would result in a reduced income for myself, city, and state. Hatchery produced salmon are vital to our economy.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Henry Wiese

September 28, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Carl Burton Sr., and I can be contacted at ceburton43@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, and have been fishing the Prince William Sound for 30 years. I operate my own vessel, the F/V Mandy LaNae and am a member of CDFU. I participate in the commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries.

Cutting hatchery production may impact the economies of Cordova, Valdez, Seward, and Homer, which will affect all of those communities in addition to the greater Southcentral economy. Cutting hatchery production would also increase the reliance on wild salmon stock.

A reduction of hatchery production would drastically affect the raw fish tax. This would mean less revenue for the City of Cordova which is already having trouble with public works projects. Fishing is the livelihood of everyone in Cordova, and less revenue would have a major impact.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Carl Burton Sr.

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jamie Goen, and I can be contacted at absc.jamie@gmail.com.

I represent commercial fishermen who fish out of Dutch Harbor, King Cove, and Akutan. Our members have been fishing in these regions since the 1960's. I represent over 70 crab vessels and am part of UFA and the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers.

If hatchery production is reduced, we would see negative impacts from our salmon tendering, in addition to a reduction in the number of days we are contracted to salmon tender for processors. Hatcheries are vital to our economy.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jamie Goen

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Seth Perry, and I can be contacted at lfish09@gmail.com.

I have commercial fished for the last 28 years out of Petersburg and other Southeast ports. I participate in the seine, longlining, shellfish, herring, sport, public use, and subsistence fisheries.

Cutting hatchery production would greatly affect Petersburg as a whole as our economy is dependent on our commercial fisheries. We would have not had a salmon season this year without hatchery fish. These fish saved my family after the worst pink return in 40 years.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Seth Perry

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Loren Lundquist, and I can be contacted at freelunk@yahoo.com.

As a commercial fisherman out of Sitka, I have been fishing for 48 years. I operate my own vessel, the F/V Freedom and participate in the commercial fishery.

If the hatchery production reduction goes into effect, it would have devastating effects. 90% of my income comes from Deep Inlet or Hidden falls. In addition, I'm a shareholder in Silver Bay Seafoods and it would be a deal breaker for the Sitka and Craig plants in SE Alaska.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Loren Lundquist

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sonja Corazza, and I can be contacted at richsonja1951@gmail.com.

As a commercial fishermen out of Homer and PWS, fishing has been a staple in our family since 1939. My husband and I jointly own the F/V Malamute Kid and we have some business on the F/V Centurion and F/V Godspeed. I am a member of UFA.

If a hatchery production reduction goes into effect, this will *drastically and negatively* affect my husband and myself, plus both of our adult children also have seiners in PWS. We are lifelong full time Alaskan residents who spend 95% of our money in Homer and other Alaskan cities. Also many of our neighbors whom we hire to help us mend our nets, build our houses, do plumbing and electric, all tell us that when the commercial fishermen don't make any money they get fewer jobs and it hurts the entire economy of our area. Several people have told us this! Also my husband and I hire three crew members every years, mainly young Homer High School graduates who pay their way through college by fishing with us. We are proud that our industry pays crew members percentages of the catch because it means the salmon/fish directly benefit thousands and thousands of Alaskans, not to mention the tenders and processors and people who work for the processors in town. Plus, the money to the boat harbors and the boat builders who build seine skiffs. It's such a long list!! Personally that 25% cut of hatchery production would severely affect our personal income and our ability to pay property taxes, pay our bills, upgrade our equipment, fix our vehicles...on and on. We have no other income except fishing.

In addition, we buy gravel to keep our driveway in drivable condition, we pay boat harbor fees to keep our seiner in the harbor, we buy all of our groceries in Homer, pay electric and try to support local businesses as much as possible. I love to see our communities enjoying the benefits of being a fishing community and as neighbors we all realize that we help each other and most of that ability comes from our income from the fisheries.

As a lifelong fisherman (woman) I understand the salmon industry and the hatchery system very well and have had a lot of experience with it and with the people involved. One of our local very vocal opponents to the hatchery system has been Nancy Hillstrand and she has kept up a constant attack on the hatcheries, both at meetings and in the newspapers. Therefore, although

it is not a personal attack on Nancy as a person I would like to say that for many years we used to give Nancy a ride on our boat when she would return to Homer from her job at the Kitoi Hatchery near Kodiak. Nancy worked there for many years and that work was an important part of her eventual retirement. I think it interesting that she made her living and retirement pension from the hatchery system that she now so roundly condemns. Plus her business on the Spit relies on fish, many of them hatchery fish! Personally I can enjoy a conversation with Nancy but I do not think her comments and newspaper articles are correct or as knowledgeable as she portrays them to be and I would like to suggest that her presentations be vetted by professional biologists and hatchery managers.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sonja Corazza

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dakota Reynolds, and I can be contacted at dakota.jay.reynolds@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of Cordova for the last 4 years. I participate in the gillnet, seine, and herring commercial fisheries.

Cutting hatchery production would directly take money out of the pocket of every commercial fisherman in the area, as well as cutting down on the number of jobs in industries supported by commercial fishing (i.e. canary workers). Myself and everyone I know would have negative financial effects.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dakota Reynolds

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Terry Sacora, and I can be contacted at terrystacora@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Anchorage and have family directly invested in commercial fishing out of the Prince William Sound region.

My daughter and son-in-law have been fishing pinks, sockeyes, and silvers for years out of Cordova. They operate a purse seiner and a bowpicker gillnet boat.

As you know the Prince William Sound fishery has not been strong for several years and cutting pink hatchery production will cut into the earnings which have been pretty dismal the past two seasons. Many fishermen are already in trouble financially after a couple of poor returns. Cordova and many other communities will suffer in all aspects of retail if the fishermen don't have the money to live the lifestyle that the communities have built upon.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Terry Sacora

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Randy Johnson, and I can be contacted at r1022c@live.com.

I have commercial fished out of Cordova for the last 45 years. I operate the F/V Northern Star and am a member of the Marketing Association.

A reduction in hatchery production would affect my business. The hatchery system provides consistency and relieves pressure on wild stock. I have never understood why it is such a political battle to provide healthy food for millions of people. The entire community, for that matter, the entire state rely on the fishing industry as a whole. Any reduction in hatchery production would affect everyone in the state.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Randy Johnson

September 28, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Julie Connelly, and I can be contacted at jmconnelly23@yahoo.com.

I have commercial fished in the southeast region for the last 4 years. I participate in the seine and herring fisheries.

The southeast Alaska salmon fishery accounts for about 35% of my yearly income so cutting 25% of our catch would be devastating to my income, livelihood and overall well-being. The past 3 seasons have been hard enough without that and forced me to find other fisheries to work and leave barely anytime for my family.

Cutting hatchery production would have drastic effects. Most of my close friends and family also work the salmon season and many of them also reside in Alaska and not only will it affect their financial wellbeing but also the cannery employment and revenue in their respective ports that comes in from the fishermen.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Julie Connelly

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Will Bousley, and I can be contacted at wbousley@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing for the last 18 years out of Ketchikan, Metlakatka, Juneau, and Sitka. I own the F/V Aliyah and Heavy Harvester and am a member of USAG.

Having less fish available would certainly make paying taxes harder. As a solo mom and pop operation on a Gillnetter every opener and every minute of the fishery is important to make the most of the season, cutting off 25 percent would have a negative impact, us gillnetters are not getting wealthy, we are able to steadily grow at an honest pace currently.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Will Bousley

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Blake Bousley, and I can be contacted at bousleb@eou.edu.

I have been commercial fishing out of Ketchikan for the last 13 years. I own the F/V Prime-Time and participate in the commercial and subsistence fisheries. I am a current member of the USAG.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would greatly affect my business because most of the areas I fish are terminal harvest areas supplied by hatcheries. Also a strong portion of the catch in the non-terminal harvest areas I fish are intercepted hatchery fish. Losing 25% production from some of these hatcheries could mean the difference between staying financially afloat or becoming a failing business. It is hard enough as is to make it as a young fishermen and this would make it make it much harder.

Further, cutting hatchery production by 25% would have a strong negative effect on my community because a lot of people rely on hatchery fish. Subsistence fishermen, charter fishermen, and commercial fishermen all rely on these hatchery fish to make a living and to put food away for the winter. Decreasing hatchery production by 25% would cause chaos between the gear groups as well as putting more pressure on wild stocks. LESS HATCHERY PRODUCTION MEANS MORE PRESSURE ON WILD STOCKS.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Blake Bousley

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rodney Hobby, and I can be contacted at rodney.hobby@gmail.com.

I was a commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet for 25 years and now am a fisheries biologist. I have participated in the drift, seine, longline, and sport fishing industries.

I'm a fisheries biologist, the hatcheries helped rebuild the over harvest fishery. Alaska didn't start to manage its fisheries until the late 1970's. The hatchery in Cook Inlet has terminal fishery, they don't compete with the wild stocks. By decreasing the hatchery production, hatcheries workers would be laid off and commercial fisherman will lose money from the loss of fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rodney Hobby

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jerry Scudero II, and I can be contacted at jasescud@hotmail.com.

I am a resident of Ketchikan and have been commercial fishing in Southeast Alaska for the last 11 years. I own and operate the F/V Sophia Nicole and participate in the drift fisheries.

Decreasing hatchery production and cutting my catch by 25% would destroy my business. I wouldn't be able to afford to run my commercial fishing vessel or pay my loans if I caught 25% less. I wouldn't be able to support my family and sustain a profitable fishing business and would have to find another career. Fishing is unpredictable as it is to support a family on but to cut it by 25% would make it impossible.

It is my belief that my community would be affected from a 25% cut by many fisherman having to call it quits. Fishing is one of the most prominent careers in this community and not only would many of the vessel owners lose a portion of their income but they would in turn not be able to hire deckhands and support other local business that sell fishing supplies and gear. The domino effect would be felt throughout the entire community and many would suffer.

A 25% production cut would greatly affect so many Alaskans. Fishing is not just a career for us, it's a way of life. Every year we're fighting higher fuel rates, cost cuts, farmed salmon prices, etc. and for us to then lose 25% of our catch on top of all that would make it a career that would not pay the bills. I would not be able to repay the loans I have taken out from the State for my business nor would I be able to continue to reside here without that income.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jerry Scudero II

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jeff Berger, and I can be contacted at jeffberger@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing in Cook Inlet for the last 32 years. I own and operate FV/TV Machinator and am a member of UCIDA as well as the Central Peninsula Advisory Committee. In addition to drift netting, I participate in sport, public use, and subsistence fisheries.

A 25% reduction in hatchery production would be costly because we work directly for the hatchery programs as a tender and freight hauler. In addition, my community would be impacted by a loss of revenue from fisherman and spin off revenue from hatchery operations.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jeff Berger

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Craig Ring, and I can be contacted at craig.c.ring@icloud.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of Ketchikan for the last six years. I also enjoy sport fishing.

I believe cutting the productions of any hatchery outputs will effect all communities in Alaska. In addition, the tourism, sport, and subsistence industries would be negatively affected.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Craig Ring

September 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Isaiah Ackerlund, and I can be contacted at isaiahackerlund@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of Valdez for the last 6 years. I own and operate the F/V Jenny with my father.

I am unsure the reason behind cutting back hatchery production. I rely on fishing as my livelihood and this would negatively impact me.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Isaiah Ackerlund

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gunnar Noreen, and I can be contacted at gunnarnoreen55@gmail.com.

I have commercial fished in Southeast Alaska for the last 50 years and am a current resident of Douglas. I own and operate the F/V Ritz and am a member of SEAFSA.

It's pretty obvious that any reduction in hatchery production would significantly impact Southeast Alaska user groups. All user groups benefit from hatchery production. Check out McDowell group's economic assessment booklet that they have done. I remember the pre-hatchery salmon seasons 20k to 40k before expenses. Now it's double that in the 50k to 80k and up. This is a poorly thought out proposal please see the bigger picture here and reject this misguided, hurtful and economically detrimental proposal. Hope you make a good decision for our future.

Every user group benefits from DIPAC hatchery production from the seiners fishing the terminal harvest areas to the guys casting from the beach that don't have a boat. It's a win win when you can feed your family and have them help with harvesting this resource.

As a lifelong Alaskan I've seen the changes over the decades I've been involved. Hatcheries have injected a new lifeblood into our communities. DIPAC has a robust scholarship program and contributes to our regional partner hatcheries. DIPAC is an integral partner in the Southeast Region.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Gunnar Noreen

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Axmaker, and I can be contacted at axmakers@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman in Southeast Alaska and am a resident of Petersburg. I have been fishing for the last 51 years and operate the F/V Maranatha. In addition to commercial fishing, I enjoy sport fishing.

Reducing hatchery production at a time when wild stocks are down and losses of fishing times, would be devastating to not only me, but to the fishing community in which I live. Less fish means less income and less money being spent. This would also lead to less revenue within the community, thus services would be cut.

The hatcheries give all user groups more access to fish. Why would anyone want to take that away? When weather conditions make it hard for natural runs to reproduce the hatcheries are more stable in their production. Curtailing their production doesn't make sense for anyone.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Axmaker

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is John Mickey Knight, and I can be contacted at nonejmknight15@icloud.com.

I am a resident of Petersburg and have commercial fished in Southeast and Bristol bay for the last 42 years. I own and operate the F/V Starship and am a member of United SE Alaska Gilnetters as well as USAG. I participate in gillnetting, longlining, herring, troller, and sport fisheries.

Cutting hatchery production would be horrible for the commercial fleet. The loss of raw fish tax to communities would be particularly devastating. Especially since our rural communities are experiencing huge reductions in State of Alaska disbursements to communities due to the budget crisis.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

John Mickey Knight

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Michael Hand, and I can be contacted at michaelpatrickhand@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman out of Cordova and have been doing so for the last 13 years. I own and operate the F/V Pelican and F/V Bounty. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the sport and subsistence fisheries. I currently hold memberships with CDFU and UFA.

Our commercial fishing operations are not high profit endeavors. Margins are thin and any sort of reduction would greatly affect my businesses. Cordova depends on a healthy, sustainable commercial fishing fleet for its own success and prosperity. The reduction in hatchery production would be terrible for Cordova.

The raw fish tax is essential to Cordova. With a reduction in hatchery production, less tax revenue would not allow us to make the improvements that are crucial to us.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Michael Hand

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Eleanor Hand, and I can be contacted at nellyhnd@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 20 years. With my family, we operate the F/V Pelican and F/V Bounty. In addition to commercial fishing, we participate in sport and subsistence fisheries.

If hatchery production is reduced, this would greatly affect our business. The lack of opportunity for commercial salmon harvest would cut into our ability to make payments for our fishing operation and support ourselves. This would also deeply affect our community in coastal Alaska. Cutting hatchery production would affect fishing opportunity for the fleet and jobs for the cannery workers in town. It would affect local businesses because without successful salmon seasons, fishermen don't have money to spend locally in the community.

In terms of sustainability, hatcheries play a long term role in ANSWER. The most important part of my job is ANSWER, and the work is difficult due to factors such as ANSWER. But the unique challenges present opportunities such as ANSWER.

Hatcheries support one of Alaska's most important resources. To me, salmon symbolize ANSWER. Salmon also play a huge role in sustainability, and ANSWER.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Eleanor Hand

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Wayne Ackerlund, and I can be contacted at skagitguide1@gmail.com.

I have commercial fished in the Prince William Sound for the last 20 years. I own and operate the F/V Tor.

Cutting hatchery production would have a huge impact on my livelihood, as well as the people I employ. This cut would narrow our profit margin and would pressure us fisherman to seek employees at a lesser percentage as well as hinder us in keeping up with the high cost of maintenance for our fishing vessels and related gear.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Wayne Ackerlund

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steven Feenstra, and I can be contacted at steve@bigdogfishco.com.

I have been commercial fishing in the Prince William Sound for the last 43 years. I own and operate the F/V Sequel. Miss Roxanne and am a member of NASA, UFA, and PSVOA.

If there were less fish in PWS, I would be forced to leave the area. I have been fishing in the area since 1975. I helped get Silver Bay Seafoods into PWS. In addition, it would be devastating to the processors and the fleet if we lose hatchery produced pink.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steven Feenstra

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Scott Lesh, and I can be contacted at scottiesh@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Skagway and have been commercial fishing in Southeast for the last 6 years. I own and operate the F/V Cape Decision and am a member of USAGA.

If hatchery production is reduced, my business would be drastically impacted since it relies 100% on hatchery chum production. Additionally, it would significantly impact all of the commercial fisherman in Skagway and Haines, particularly Haines where I land a lot of my fish. It would devastate the local economy of Haines which counts heavily on good hatchery chum returns to Lynn Canal.

Please do the right thing and do not reduce hatchery production in Southeast Alaska

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Scott Lesh

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Greg Arnold, and I can be contacted at greg.arnold65@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Soldotna and have been running a tender out of Whittier, Homer, and Kenai for the last 22 years.

If hatchery production is reduced my income will be drastically diminished as I won't be able to run the tender as much during the summer.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Greg Arnold

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Teagen Schwartz, and I can be contacted at teagenschwartz14@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Petersburg and have been commercial fishing for the last 6 years in Southeast Alaska.

If hatchery production is decreased, all fishermen will make less money. This will directly affect my community and the money I make.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Teagen Schwartz

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Benjamin Daigle, and I can be contacted at ben.daigle@yahoo.com.

I am a resident of Homer and have been commercial fishing in the Cordova and Prince William Sound region for the last 20 years. I own and operate the F/V New Wave.

Cutting the hatcheries in Prince William Sound by 25% would absolutely devastate the commercial fleet. This year Copper River was closed for nearly the entire months of June and July. Without the robust returns to Ester Island and Main Bay, we would not have made our payments.

Without the influx of money free from hatchery fish, our fleet would be unable to invest in our vessels, significantly harming machine shops, Boat builders, mechanics and the like.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Benjamin Daigle

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Hunter Keffalos, and I can be contacted at hmaninak@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Anchorage and have commercial fished in Bristol bay for the last two years. In addition to commercial fishing, I utilize the sport and public use fisheries.

If hatchery production is decreased this would be bad because there would be fewer fish to catch. In addition there would be less business for the commercial fisheries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Hunter Keffalos

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Ted Deats, and I can be contacted at finaleboat@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Juneau and have been commercial fishing for the last 25 years. I operate the F/V Finale in the Lynn Canal and out of Taku. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the subsistence fishery.

If hatchery production is decreased, fewer boats and fishermen will be doing business in town. Financially, I would be greatly affected by a decrease in hatchery production.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Ted Deats

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brian Lee, and I can be contacted at blee@mtaonline.net.

I am a resident of Sutton and have been commercial fishing out of Valdez for the last 52 years. I own and operate the seiner Chelsea D. In addition, I am a member of UFA and CDFU.

My wife and I are 100 percent dependent on commercial fishing. My family fishing history goes back to the trap days. This would have a huge impact on our livelihood. Hatchery fish have been the mainstay of our business in pws for the last 30 years.

If hatchery production is decreased the effect would be huge. We did large capital upgrades on our seiner last year. Most of that money was spent locally in Valdez thru local businesses.

I simply ask you as a board to seriously consider the huge ramifications of decisions you make concerning hatchery production. The fallout from cutting hatchery production has serious negative implications for myself and our state.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brian Lee

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Neill Jenny, and I can be contacted at neilman50@hotmail.com.

I am a resident of Petersburg and have been commercial fishing in the Southeast for the last 15 years. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the sport and subsistence fisheries.

Hatchery salmon have been very important to the seine fleet. Cutting that by 25% would affect everyone in the town. With less catch, there would be less need for as many cannery employees and that would trickle down to everywhere from hardware stores to restaurants. As a fisherman this would hurt me directly. This would mean less fish turned in and less money I would be taking home.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Neill Jenny

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Casey Gaze, and I can be contacted at casegaze@gmail.com.

I am from Kenai and have been fishing in Cook Inlet for the last 22 years. I am a member of UCIDA and in addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the sport and subsistence fisheries.

Reducing hatchery fish will impact my livelihood and will lead to more pressure on commercial and sport fishing industries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Casey Gaze

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jeff Farvour, and I can be contacted at jefarv@gmail.com.

I am from Sitka and have been commercial fishing in the Southeast for the last 30 years. I am a member of ALFA, ATA, CFC, and SEAFA. I own and operate the F/V Apollo and also participate in the public use and subsistence fisheries.

I have no other source of income other than commercial fishing and many years the THA salmon troll fisheries account for 50%+ of my income. Clearly, any cuts in an already extremely depressed fishery (continued loss of chinook via salmon treaty) is devastating.

Sitka has the largest troll fleet in SE and has amongst the largest fishing fleet in the state. We have lost halibut due to re allocation to the charter fleet, costs of living in our communities continues to climb as does the financial risks of entering commercial fisheries. Further impacts would continue to exacerbate these critical issues.

In Sitka, all of the raw fish tax that is returned to our community is put in the harbor fund which in turn subsidizes the rates for ALL harbor users. No other businesses that use the harbor system contribute in any way beyond the normal moorage fees. Any reductions in raw fish tax results in increased costs for the whole harbor system which has projected a several 100s of % increase in moorage rates in the coming years.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jeff Farvour

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jim Holley, and I can be contacted at jholley@lynden.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 20 years. I have two boats that I own and operate, the F/V Krystal Sea and Cordova Provider. I am a member of CDFU.

Additionally, I manage the Alaska Marine Lines Terminal in Cordova where we transport 80% of all fish process in Cordova. If the hatchery production is decreased then it would not be feasible for some fishermen to continue.

Please do not cut the Salmon Hatcheries it will have a devastating effect on our community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jim Holley

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sheryl Glasen, and I can be contacted at ccomfort@ctcak.net.

I am a resident of Cordova and am the spouse of a fisherman, as well as the sister/mother/daughter-in-law of other fishermen. I also own a bed and breakfast and am an employee of our local telecom cooperative that is impacted by commercial fishing.

Reducing hatchery production would have such a negative ripple effect that it's hard to think of all the ways that the community as a whole would be affected. Fishermen would make less, canneries and processors would make less, cannery workers would make less. When all of these groups are impacted, they spend less (especially locally) and carries over into every aspect of Cordova. Local businesses, hospital, schools, roads, services, etc. would all feel this impact. Cordova has already endured crippling financial hits and this one may be the one that proves to be too much.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sheryl Glasen

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Rex Turman, and I can be contacted at rexturman@gmail.com.

I am resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 13 years. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the sport, public use, and subsistence fisheries.

If hatchery production is decreased, this would lead to smaller runs which causes a much leaner winter. Residents can't spend in the community like normal, then they have to purchase more groceries out of city/state which takes that cash flow away from our local community

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rex Turman

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Matthew Adams, and I can be contacted at mattadams907@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 20 years. I own and operate the F/V Orca and am a member of CDFU.

If hatchery production is decreased it would greatly affect the success of my business and my ability to keep crew employed.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Matthew Adams

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Austin Long, and I can be contacted at austinfender@hotmail.com.

I have been fishing out of Cordova for the last 6 years. I am a member of CDFU.

If hatchery production is decreased it will hurt my income and family significantly.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Austin Long

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Alan Kapp, and I can be contacted at alcapp@aol.com.

I have fished out of the Valdez and PWS for the last 51 years. I own and operate the F/V Jouneyman, a purse seine vessel. I am a member of CDFU and UFA. I sport fish in addition to my work as a commercial fishermen.

If hatchery production is cut my whole livelihood would be affected. The vessel repair and maintenance would decrease, my vessel safety would decrease, and the quality of my crew would decrease.

In addition to my business suffering, the Valdez community would be impacted. The suppliers on the Pacific coast that I do business with would suffer, too.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Alan Kapp

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Ryan Webber, and I can be contacted at northshorewelder@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing in the region for the last 31 years. I own and operate the F/V Ghost.

Cutting my catch by 25% would be a significant loss. The 2018 salmon season was the worst catch amount I have had in my entire life. Losing an additional 25% would end my livelihood of being a commercial fishermen. The high operating costs and maintenance on boat and gear, on slow fishing seasons, every little bit adds up. I have fished my entire life, and the last few seasons have been extremely difficult, and it blows my mind they are even considering a reduction in hatchery production.

The city of Cordova relies on fishermen. Most of the local stores rely on us to buy our fishing equipment and groceries for our jobs and for home. When we don't make money, the local stores don't make money. I am also a small business owner of a mobile welding operation. 90% of my work is fishing related. I have noticed over the years of the decreased salmon catch, that I do not pick up nearly as much work as I did in the past. People need these fish to live.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Ryan Webber

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Micah Stone, and I can be contacted at stone.micah@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of Cordova and PWS for the last 11 years.

A 25% reduction in hatchery production would hinder the fleets ability to produce and make enough money to make payments on their boats and permits. Furthermore I think that would play into the push on the west coast for more Fish Farming which would directly be competing with our wild and enhanced fish.

Cordova is a fishing community, it is not like Valdez, Whittier, Seward or many of the other coastal communities that are commercial fishing ports. These places also have a vibrant charter fishing industry and tourism. Cordova solely relies on commercial fishing to run the economic engine of the town. If there is a reduction in hatchery fish then that will directly affect the economy of Cordova and every business and family in town.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Micah Stone

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Heather Burton, and I can be contacted at heatheroseburton@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova. My spouse owns and operates a commercial salmon seine vessel and commercial drift gillnetter.

A 25% cut to our fishing business would effectively destroy our livelihood on anything other than stellar years. We are already a dual income family, both parents working full time jobs. Commercial fishing, by its nature is an expensive business to operate. Our fishing business employs multiple people and multiple ancillary businesses in Cordova, Valdez, Anchorage and Homer Alaska. The ripple effect of a 25% cut to our business would be detrimental to each of those as well.

A 25% cut to hatchery production would be *catastrophic* to the community of Cordova. We've already seen a migration of families and business from Alaska who cannot afford to live here. Reducing the ability to earn a livelihood to those who remain could push even more out. All support businesses would suffer as well.

We live in a community which operates on a very tight budget of approximately 10 million dollars in revenue. As it is, we have difficulty finding funding to just maintain the status quo without engaging in big capital projects and replacing aging equipment. The school operates at a level that is less than they annually request as the revenue is just spread too thin. Cutting fish taxes by 25% would be a 3-400K decrease in revenue each year, and with waning State contributions to local economies, would effectively destroy some community programs and impact all departmental funding levels.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Heather Burton
October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Teal Hansen, and I can be contacted at gravina727@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have either gillnetted, tendered, or seines my entire life. 2013 was my last summer fishing because I became pregnant that fall. One day I will be on the water again. My great grandparents fished well into their 80s, my grandfather is still fishing in his mid 70s, my father and mother both have their own gillnetters, and my husband sold his gillnetter last year and commercial fished until this summer. We belong to CDFU.

Technically it's not affecting me directly since I'm not currently fishing. But that doesn't mean I don't still care about what is going on. Cutting hatchery production would directly affect my mother, father, grandfather, uncle, friends, and town, which would be it is definitely indirectly affect me.

The town revolves around fishing. We rely on the income. The whole city is affected negatively when there are poor fishing season. We rely on the hatchery to have a consistent salmon return. This doesn't just affect the fisherman's wallet, it has a great impact on the ecosystem as a whole! Salmon feed a great population of aquatic and land animals/mammals. Cutting production could affect everything. The community relies on fishing income. When fishermen aren't able to make a good income, everything suffers, down to city tax (which means maintaining streets, etc) to high school fundraisers.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Teal Hansen

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brian Wildrick, and I can be contacted at b1218nw16@yahoo.com.

I am a resident and business owner in Cordova. I participate in the sport and subsistence fisheries.

We need customers, hatchery workers and fisherman are two groups who we count on. If their production is depleted this will affect me.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brian Wildrick

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Pamela Jones, and I can be contacted at fishwishtoo@gci.net.

I am a resident of Cordova and am not a fisherman. However, I am the spouse of a commercial fisherman and the mother of 3 commercial fishermen. I also participate in the sport and subsistence fisheries.

A hatchery production reduction would drastically negatively affect my family and community. It would lead to businesses closing and people moving away.

You need to stop this attack by sports fishermen. Commercial fishing is vital to our state and local communities.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Pamela Jones

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Dustin Cline, and I can be contacted at dustin.cline1@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Anchorage and have been seining in PWS for the last 25 years.

Commercial fishing is my livelihood, cutting our catch by 25% will not only reduce my income, but the amount of money I put in to my boat and the community I work. I hire welders, refrigeration techs, and general laborers. I will hire one less crewman to help cover costs as well.

Cutting hatchery production will lead me to spend less money to have work completed on my boat, less time spent in town. There will be one less crewman hired every year as well.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Dustin Cline

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Justin Ryan, and I can be contacted at justinryan0307@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 15 years. I own and operate the F/V Mine Too.

A reduction of hatchery production would significantly reduce my overhead and ability to remain in the fishery. This would also reduce the amount of salmon harvested and processed which would hurt the incomes of many people and businesses as well as result in the loss of jobs.

We need to protect our hatchery production because of the importance to Alaska's economy but also to help people across the world have access to the nutrients many of us were born with access to.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Justin Ryan

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brian Quiroz, and I can be contacted at brianquiroz@live.com.

I am a resident of Wasilla. I previously commercial fished for 7 years and have sport fished for 30+ years.

Hatcheries benefit all Alaskans because of the ample fish stocks. A cut in hatchery production would have a negative affect.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brian Quiroz

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Samantha Renner, and I can be contacted at samanthal_15@hotmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and spouse of a fisherman.

Commercial Fishing is my families and our towns livelihood. With less money coming into town that means local businesses will not be able to afford to stay open which will drive people out of Cordova. For my family directly we will not be able to afford to live in Cordova if our fishery is cut by 25%.

Our towns survival is completely dependent on commercial fishing. There are enough environmental issues impacting our runs we don't need to add another issue.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Samantha Renner

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brandon Darr, and I can be contacted at bbdarr@yahoo.com.

I am a resident of Homer and have commercial fished for the last 11 years in PWS.

Cutting hatchery production would devastate my business! Currently, I own a Prince William Sound Permit and have leased the same vessel for the past seven years. One deckhand has been with me seven years and another for five. Substantial reductions in their income would completely change their livelihood and possibly their future as fishermen. Finding good employees would be extremely challenging. The possibility of owning a vessel would be out of the question and feeding my family as a fisherman would be a concern.

Deckhands would move out of state and seek other employment instead of buying property and building residences in Alaska. Residential construction, Marine construction and other economic growth in Homer would suffer substantially. 25% of a fishing vessels gross profit is what pays for capital improvements and economic stimulation. Crime rates would rise and the entire community would suffer from the recession.

Salmon hatcheries have been operating in Alaska for more than 4 decades and fish and game has closely regulated the fisheries prioritizing wild salmon. The two have coexisted and proven to be a more productive sustainable fishery. There is not any research to support that hatchery production needs to be decreased.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brandon Darr

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Misa Webber, and I can be contacted at misalevi12@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing in the region for the last 24 years.

My entire family and community depends on the PWS hatcheries for income and livelihood. It would be the equivalent of cutting minimum wage from 12/hr to 9/hr. Cutting hatchery production would devastate our economy.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Misa Webber

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tiffany Beedle, and I can be contacted at tiffany.beedle@eyak-nhn.gov.

I am a resident of Cordova and my husband is a commercial fisherman.

Reducing hatchery production will impact my family so much as our income is made up of about 75% of our annual income. This would have a huge impact also on this fishing community as must of our residents Fish for a living.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tiffany Beedle

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Todd Blaisdell, and I can be contacted at toddablaze@gmail.com.

I am from Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 9 years.

The hatchery production reduction would push our business to a point that it isn't profitable.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Todd Blaisdell

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Adam Brownfield, and I can be contacted at awbrownfield907@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Anchorage and have been commercial fishing in PWS for the last 5 years. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in the sport, public use, and subsistence fisheries.

Reducing hatchery fish will negatively affect my business by limiting the potential amount of salmon available to catch.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Adam Brownfield

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brooke Johnson, and I can be contacted at brooke@graphicice.com.

I am from Cordova and have commercial fished for the last 25 years.

If hatchery salmon production is reduced by 25% our region would be hurt financially. In addition it would hurt our city which relies on the raw fish tax.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brooke Johnson

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Mike Babic, and I can be contacted at fvbeverlyann@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 25 years. I own and operate the F/Vs Beverly Ann and Wits End. I am a member of CDFU and in addition to commercial, I participate in sport and subsistence fisheries.

A reduction in hatchery fish would devastate my business and make it hard for my family. This would also affect our city services in Cordova.

There is no real science that supports this is necessary since we have always managed our fisheries in Alaska based on science I hope we don't start doing that now.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Mike Babic

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Martin, and I can be contacted at dmartin4091@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Clam Gulch and have been commercial fishing in Cook Inlet for the last 47 years. I own and operate the F/V Kagyak and am a member of CIFF, UCIDA, UFA, and the Halibut Coalition. In addition to commercial fishing, I participate in sport and public use fisheries.

Reducing hatchery production would be an unnecessary and unscientific reduction that would negatively affect all user groups and Aquaculture Associations and communities. In addition This would create a food and economic loss to the communities.

ACR 1 and ACR 2 do not meet the Agenda Change Request criteria. The effects of hatchery salmon on wild stocks should be determined by the most reliable scientific studies available and not by the unproven accusations and theories of the authors of ACRs one and two.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Martin

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Alexis Osborn, and I can be contacted at aosborn@me.com.

I am a small business owner and resident in Cordova.

With less hatchery fish available, fewer fishermen will be shopping in our community. If the fish are taken away, the lifeblood of our community will be affected.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Alexis Osborn

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Travis Hall, and I can be contacted at wickedfishllc@gmail.com.

I am from Homer and have been commercial fishing for the last 15 years. I have commercial fished in Bristol Bay, Dutch Harbor, Kodiak and own the F/V Krissy Mae. I also participate in the sport, public, and subsistence fisheries.

I have been operating a tender for ocean beauty for years in Kodiak and PWS, the loss of the hatcheries would be a huge economic loss, and a huge detriment to a state that is broke already.

To take the Hatcheries out is crazy!! They are self sustaining tax producer, made on sound science, I believe that taking away the hatcheries would not help wild fish at all, there is no science or reason behind that, the state would not become a better Alaska if we took them away, and I want to live in the best state that I can, I want to improve everyone's lives in alaska

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Travis Hall

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Anya Honkola, and I can be contacted at any.kc@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been fishing for the last 10 years. I own and operate the F/V Bluff Point. I also am a member of the CDFU.

Reducing hatcheries would significantly impact our business. We rely heavily upon the hatchery runs. We need those fishing opportunities when wild run numbers are below expected and when other areas are closed to commercial fishing. Some years both the wild and hatchery runs are strong, but some years one or the other does not produce. We need both to make this fishery a viable family business. We need both in order to commit to being full time Alaska residents. Without the hatchery runs, our family may have to leave Alaska to pursue other careers. Fishing is our life, and this would be devastating to our 3rd (my husband) and 4th (me) generation fishing family. Our young children will be 5th generation fishermen, but this will only be possible if fishing is a viable career opportunity.

Cordova is a community that fully relies on the health of the commercial fishing industry. Every job in our small town is supported by the money made on the fishing grounds. If 25%, a huge chunk of our potential earnings, was taken away, the whole community would suffer. This will create a lasting financial slump leading to a loss in population, which in turn would affect tax revenues for schools, hospitals, and other important city services.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Anya Honkola

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gabrielle Brown, and I can be contacted at geb907@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have commercial fished in PWS for the last 6 years. I am a member of CDFU.

Cordova fishermen rely heavily on our hatcheries producing salmon. Without these fish my community would not be economically viable. The town as a whole suffers during bad fishing years and is dependent on the fleet catching salmon, much of this catch being hatchery produced. Personally, I wouldn't be sitting at a University computer typing this letter without hatcheries. I ran a gillnetter in Prince William Sound this past season and primarily caught salmon from Esther hatchery. Without that catch, I wouldn't be able to afford to pursue an education in diesel mechanics without those fish. My education will greatly benefit my own fishing operation and others around me. I'll be able to service my community and bring skills that are constantly needed in the fishing community.

Cordova is a commercial fishing port. We rely heavily on sustainable fisheries producing salmon. Every single resident is affected by our fisheries and the entire town benefits from hatchery production. These hatcheries keep Cordova afloat. In 1989, my hometown was greatly impacted by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. This environmental catastrophe caused a collapse of our herring fisheries. The fishery never recovered. The entire town suffered. Luckily, after decades of grieving, the town has somewhat recovered greatly in part because of hatchery production. Salmon is our main source of income for the entire town. Imagine if your income was dropped 25%, how would that impact you? Now put that at a community level and the implications would be severe. I am a born and raised Alaskan. I chose to be a commercial fisherman and am devoting my life to this career. I want healthy fisheries for my children and

their children. Please protect our hatcheries, so you can protect vulnerable communities and fisheries.

Cordova is already in a deficit. Our roads, schools, and community programs need that fish tax to manage and operate. This community produces brilliant minds, amazing fisherman, and a supportive community that cannot be found many other places. Growing up there is the greatest blessing in my life. Without fish tax and hatchery production, that blessing could vanish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Gabrielle Brown

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Todd Ladd, and I can be contacted at toddladd93@hotmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing the last 10 years. I own and operate the F/V Rintintin.

I fish during the months of may to October being my primary income. Putting a lot of my money back into my fishing community. Hatchery fish are a main portion of my income. I am not to sure what I would do if the hatcheries did no longer operate.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Todd Ladd

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Teal Lohse, and I can be contacted at lakinafish@aig.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing the last 18 years. I own three vessels and also participate in the sport, public use, and subsistence fisheries.

If hatchery production is reduced, it would directly lower my income from hatchery salmon in the seine fishery and Gillnet fishery and would potentially lessen my tenders income, as well as potentially putting more boats on the longline grounds during the mid summer months lowering halibut prices at that time as well as thinning the halibut build up meaning more time and fuel and bait to catch halibut.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Teal Lohse

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jack Stevenson, and I can be contacted at jj.stevenson1@yahoo.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been fishing on the F/V Legend for the last 16 years.

During the summer months we target PWS sockeye, chum, and Pink salmon. Most of which are hatchery fish. Cutting these numbers by 25% would significantly reduce the number of salmon available for every user group.

The town of cordova relies on the income of fisherman for its survival. Cutting hatchery reduction will result in lower incomes while bills still remain the same or get more expensive. Every business will notice the impact when residents cannot afford to spend additional money within the community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jack Stevenson

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Aspen Daigle, and I can be contacted at arosedaigne@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Juneau and have been fishing out of Naknek, Dillingham, and Homer for the last 10 years.

As a commercial fisherman, I have always relied heavily on natural salmon runs and runs returning to the hatcheries. Fishing is my only source of income currently, as I am a full-time student and support my education with my makings from the summer's fishing season. Cutting catch by 25% would greatly impact my income and create financial stressors. It would make it harder to make ends meet and after I cover expenses.

The community, as I do, relies on these hatchery runs for their livelihood. It would negatively impact all fishermen, especially those who are new to buying-in and have large debts and financial burdens weighing heavily on them. It would make it even more challenging to pay off fishing debts and earn enough to live off during the off-season.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Aspen Daigle

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gerald Cunningham, and I can be contacted at cunninghamjerry97@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been fishing for the last 10 years with the F/V Flush.

If hatchery fish are reduced it would be way less money coming in to support a livelihood. In addition, the money coming into the community and work would be reduced.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Gerald Cunningham

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kerry Nelson, and I can be contacted at kerryellennelson@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Kasilof and have commercial fished out of Homer for the last 40 years.

My family relies on the additional fish produced by PWSAC to supplement our opportunities to harvest wild salmon in the seine fishery. Over the last 10 years we have seen the best wild returns we have witnessed. It's hard to imagine the hatchery fish are negatively impacting the wild stock, if anything they seem to be benefiting.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Kerry Nelson

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Mark Frohnafel, and I can be contacted at akcessna@yahoo.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and am a product supplier for the industry. Any reduction in hatcyer production reduces product sales and has a economic impact on both the company and community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Mark Frohnafel

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Robert Cunningham, and I can be contacted at bigrob907@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been commercial fishing on the F/V Done Deal for the last 13 years.

If hatchery production is reduced, it would mean less income for me and would make fishing more competitive for both wild and hatchery fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Robert Cunningham

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sue Ervin, and I can be contacted at purplemommasue@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and am a small business owner. Poor fishing affects small business owners. Reduction in hatchery fish production leads to fish and less business for me.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sue Ervin

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Robert DeAngelis, and I can be contacted at DeAngelis95@gmail.com.

I have commercial fished in Cordova and PWS. Myself and my fellow fishermen would be impacted greatly by a reduction in hatchery fish. A reduction in earnings correlates directly with how I am able to live and feed my children, likewise for my neighbors.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Robert

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Janet Lebold, and I can be contacted at Leebs1@comcast.net.

I have been commercial fishing out of Cordova for 37 years. A reduction of hatchery fish would affect my livelihood and the businesses of Cordova.

Please don't do this to fishermen. They are already dealing with lower yields due to ocean conditions and other factors. This move would prove devastating.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Janet Lebold

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Desiree Jensen, and I can be contacted at agapetooyou@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Cordova and have been fishing in PWS for the last 15 years. I own and operate the F/V Rafferty.

Currently we have been able to put money back into our fishing operation keeping the value, safety, functionality, and competitiveness up to date, lowering the stock by 25% will devastate the gross profits to not only ours but all of the fishermen not leaving a substantial amount to keep gear upgrades.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Desiree Jensen

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is William Fisher, and I can be contacted at alaskafisher@ctcak.net.

I am a resident of Cordova and am a mechanic that keeps the fishing fleet operable.

Any level of reduction in fish harvest directly affects our business in the same manner. We rely on the summer fishing season to keep our doors open year round. If we have a reduction in catch, you can be assured we will face uncertainty in remaining open the winter months.

We are all reliant on fishing to sustain us. Our schools would receive less and less funding, our city roads and maintenance would suffer.

Our community and state has been blessed with good harvests BECAUSE of the work done by the hatcheries. I can not see a downside to the work performed by the hatcheries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

William Fisher

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Brandon Maxwell, and I can be contacted at bmaxwell84@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Juneau and have been commercial fishing out of Whittier for the last 8.

If hatchery production is limited it will affect us tremendously. I am currently buying a set net permit in the eshamy district of the prince William sound an we are primarily limited to catching hatchery sockeye salmon.

This will tragically affect our fisheries, do not cut hatchery production please.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Brandon Maxwell

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Lori Lee, and I can be contacted at leebrianandlori@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Sutton and have been fishing in PWS for the last 38 years. I own and operate the F/V Chelsea D.

Hatchery production reduction would severely impact our income in a negative way. It would also severely impact the value of our boat and permits, as a result impact our retirement in a negative way.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Lori Lee

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Nik Nebl, and I can be contacted at nnebl@gci.net.

I am a resident of Ketchikan and have been commercial fishing since 1983 on a seiner and gillnetter.

The hatchery program has become a significant portion to our season just as it was designed. To-curtail it would affect all aspects of my year to year fishing, the hatchery proceeds affect my crew and their family. This also would affect the purchases my business makes throughout the year.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Nik Nebl

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Pete Feenstra, and I can be contacted at pdfeener@gmail.com.

I have commercial fished in the PWS for the last 39 years on the F/V Defender.

Reducing hatchery production would drastically cut potential income and lower value of vessels and permits in addition to cutting local spending.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Pete Feenstra

October 4, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Christopher Johnson, and I can be contacted at chriscjtina@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of Wrangell for the last 40 years.

Hatchery production reduction would negatively affect my income and I would then spend less money in my community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Christopher Johnson

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Ann Keffalos, and I can be contacted at annkeffalos@gmail.com.

I am from Anchorage and participate in commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing.

A loss of fish production will come with a loss of jobs. This job is perfect for some people including many teachers who fish in the summer to makes ends meet. If we reduce the production we lose all kinds of people from our workforce. Sport fishing will not make up the difference in our economy.

My sons have been commercial fishing for the past 4 years in Cook Inlet. The Department of Fish and Game has grossly mismanaged the fishery. My sons have made less money fishing than they could working at McDonalds. This job is necessary to keep our young men working to help pay for college or other expenses. My boys are not even making enough money to cover the cost of textbooks. The hard work is good for them and they learn valuable life lessons. I oppose reducing the hatchery fish .

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Ann Keffalos

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Richard Tarabochia, and I can be contacted at rtarabochia@comcast.net.

I have commercial fished in PWS for the last 54 years. With the recent poor fishing seasons in the Prince William Sound seine fishery a 25% cut would devastate my livelihood and income and would also affect my crew of four likewise.

Don't cut any hatchery production so we can maintain our livelihoods for ourselves and our crews

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Richard Tarabochia

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Stephanie Carroll, and I can be contacted at carrolls.fish@gmail.com.

I am from Homer and have commercial fished in PWS for the last 15 years. Salmon is the main fishery for our family. It would be taking money directly from my family, money we use for living expenses and boat repair. It would also take money from our 4 children who are employed as our deckhands. This would reduce their ability to pay for college and save money for their futures.

The community of Homer has a lot of fisherman. Not only would it take money from the fisherman but it would reduce the money spent in the community. This would include everything from grocery stores and restaurants to welders, machinists, mechanics, net builders and others in the marine trade services. It could also cause fishermen to have to pursue other employment in the winter which would affect the number of volunteers in our community. Many fisherman volunteer around town at non profits, within the schools and in coaching youth sports.

Prince William Sound fisheries items were not scheduled to be on this October's agenda and yet organizations like the Kenai River Sportfishing Association keep pushing to have decisions made at meetings that we are not scheduled to be at or cannot attend because we are out fishing. Hatcheries have been responsibly managed in Alaska and wild runs have been strong in Prince William Sound. Cutting production would affect not just fisherman but the entire economy of the state of Alaska.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Stephanie Carroll

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Richard Eliason, and I can be contacted at reliason@yahoo.com.

I am from Sitka and have commercial fished for the last 51 years.

A reduction in hatchery production would devastate the community of Sitka. My annual catch is about 98% hatchery fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Richard Eliason

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Thynes, and I can be contacted at fvnocona@gmail.com.

I am from Petersburg and have been managing hatcheries for the last 32 years.

Over 75% of my salmon drift net income is derived from hatchery salmon returns. A 25% reduction to hatchery production would be extremely *detrimental* to my driftnet business.

My community depends heavily on hatchery salmon & the fish processing businesses that have existed in Petersburg for decades. Local employment, raw fish taxes, commerce derived from local and transient commercial fishing vessels can all be directly tied to our hatchery salmon returns.

Our hatchery production is our life blood; reducing hatchery production at all will have far reaching negative effects for both commercial fishers & the communities we live in & land our fish at. Please consider these affects to our families & communities carefully as you discuss the future of our hatchery production & find it is vital to increase our hatchery production in a well planned manner to benefit all our user groups & those that depend on the revenue derived from hatchery salmon.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Thynes

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Weston Carroll, and I can be contacted at wjcarroll72@gmail.com.

I am a resident of Homer and own and operate the F/V Amber. I have commercial fished for 36 years.

As a salmon Seine Fishermen in PWS I rely heavily on hatchery production to support my family and make a living. I am a lifelong Alaskan and a second generation pws sound salmon fishermen the hatchery program has been very successful and is very important to my livelihood.

I live in Homer and it would have a large impact on our community. Many fishermen that fish in PWS, Cook Inlet, and Kodiak as well as other areas around the state live in Homer and when the salmon fisheries are up then local businesses do well as the money is spent throughout the community.

The hatchery programs in PWS half been very effective and are very well managed and the will salmon runs in PWS have also been strong in recent years. I see no biological evidence to reduce the hatchery programs.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Weston Carroll

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is William Roth, and I can be contacted at williamgroth3g@gmail.com.

I am from Homer and have commercial fished in south central for 20 years. This is about protecting the future of the sustainable commercial fisheries that are beginning to be threatened by the sport fishing communities. Commercial fishing has been around for decades and has been sustainable source of healthy fish brought to the market, the only thing that has changed in the last several decades is the amount of tourists visiting alaska being allows to harvest salmon. Especially targeting the bigger species. This decline in large king salmon is due to the tourism industry, not from commercial fishing that has been here for the last 40 years. Hatcheries have have been operating sustainably for decades and have never threatened other species. This being on the board is a silly blame game being played by sport fisherman whose only concern is there pockets and not the sustainability of Alaska's wild runs or hatchery runs.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

William Roth

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Shannon Brumlow, and I can be contacted at smbrumlow@gmail.com.

I am from Wasilla and don't believe hatchery numbers should be cut. It would have bad affects for our community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Shannon Brumlow

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Hein Kruithof, and I can be contacted at hein_kruithof@yahoo.com.

I am from Cordova and have been commercial fishing for the last 20 years.

The hatcheries greatly support fishing in the Sound, and it would massively negatively affect the industry. Cutting hatchery production would result in less fish, less fishing opportunity, less money in the community, less work for people, it would cause a major economic hit for a very large group of Alaskans.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Hein Kruithof

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Richard Roth, and I can be contacted at capt.richardroth@yahoo.com.

I am from Homer and have commercial fished for 17 years. Hatcheries benefit all fisheries and this proposal would harm us.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Richard Roth

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tyson Fick, and I can be contacted at tysonfick@gmail.com.

I am from Juneau and believe hatchery production would hurt my commercial fishing business. Alaska's hatchery system is well-managed and supports communities and families all over coastal Alaska. There is no scientifically valid reason to impose a 25% cut in hatchery production. please reject this request and thank you.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tyson Fick

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gerald Thorne, and I can be contacted at patience907@yahoo.com.

I am from Cordova and have been working in the commercial fishing industry for 55 years. Hatchery production reduction would negatively affect the industry and community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Gerald Thorne

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Allan Mathisen, and I can be contacted at allanmathisen@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Petersburg, and I have been commercial fishing in Alaska for 19 years on the F/V Marathon. I am a member of UFA.

The only bright spot this year and for a lot of even has has been the hatchery recruitment. My understanding of the entire hatchery program is that they are supposed to support the wild salmon recruitment. It's also my understanding that most hatcheries don't put out the amount of fry that most of them are allowed to anyway. Reducing the hatchery output without any hard science to support it seems incredibly unwise. While we don't know a 25 percent reduction will decrease our catch 25 percent, I can safely say that a 25 percent reduction in catch would be a devastating blow to all fishery operations. You are going to see boats with less efficient operations and less access to cheap capital fall out of the market and an overall consolidation of the fleet.

All communities in southeast rely on raw fish tax to stay liquid. Reducing those incoming tax dollars unnecessary when there already isn't much of a fiscal budget anywhere seems criminal.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Allan Mathisen

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Harold Haynes, and I can be contacted at harold@chasinabay.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan. Cutting hatchery salmon production by 25% would lower the income to all commercial fisherman, charter and decrease the number of fish available to sport fisherman.

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Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Harold Haynes

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Hatch, and I can be contacted at Smokedswede@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Seward, and do not support cutting hatchery salmon by 25%. It would reduce my yearly harvest by an amount that would be severely damaging to my business. I would not be able to adequately keep up my boats and gear that in turn would mean less spent in local businesses.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Harold David Hatch

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Patrick Tyner, and I can be contacted at aktyners@gmail.com.

I am from Craig and have been commercial fishing for 28 years.

My income was already cut by more than 1/3 by the Spring King Salmon closure on the inside waters in Clarence Strait this year. It was additionally reduced by the limited 2 day openings in Bucarelli Bay in June before the hatchery kings show up in any numbers. This leaves the burden of my income dependent on the July 1 King opening, where I got lucky stumbling on a small group of kings; but the remainder of my income is heavily dependent on the Klawock Hatchery Coho run which has increased tenfold in the past 5 years thanks to good management, improved working relations with the ADF&G, and increased egg production. A 25% cut would financially destroy me and wipe out my retirement. It would devalue the value of my Power Troll Permit as well as the value of my fishing vessel, and I don't foresee the State being in a position of offering a buy-out.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Patrick Tyner

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Abigail Turner Franke, and I can be contacted at abigail.jeannette@gmail.com.

I have been commercial fishing out of southcentral for the last 20 years. While we do have other customers, a precedent of decreased hatchery production could make Soldotna less desirable to live in in the future, and impacts stability of income for purchasing homes for those impacted directly by the current ACRs. This could impact our business dramatically looking into the future.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Abigail Turner Franke

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Chris Sr. Bourgeois, and I can be contacted at chrabby123@gmail.com.

I fear what would happen to Cordova if hatchery production were to be cut, this past season we had a gulf wide failure of red salmon and if not for PWS hatchery returns it would have been a disaster for Cordova fisherman and the Cordova companies that support the fleet.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Chris Sr. Bourgeois

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Carter Snow, and I can be contacted at smuggsskier3@gmail.com.

As a crew member in PWS for the last two years on a commercial salmon boat, I make a majority of my yearly income during my 4+ months in Alaska in the summers. A 25% cut in our salmon harvest would greatly affect the amount of money I can save each year with plans to buy into my own fishing business and/or start a small timber framing company in the lower 48.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Carter Snow

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Paul Sutton, and I can be contacted at psuttonp@msn.com.

I have been fishing in PWS for approximately 40 years. Many of my fishing seasons have a very thin profit margin. Any reduction in enhanced pink salmon would lead to a decrease in crew shares paid to my deck hands and would force me to become much more conservative with respect to addressing repair and maintenance issues.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Paul Sutton

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Whitner Kuller, and I can be contacted at whitnerkuller@hotmail.com.

I have been fishing in Kodiak for approximately 10 years. If the fishery in PWS is cut by 25% that would probably take away my ability to fish there as it would not be sufficient income.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Whitney Kuller

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Darin Gilman, and I can be contacted at Dgilman333@gmail.com

I am a commercial fisherman Cordova, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for 15 years.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would be a huge blow to the community of Cordova, this is a fishing community that relies heavily on hatchery and wild salmon. I hope that it is fully realized that a cut of 25 percent not only affects commercial fishermen, but all fishermen from Sport, Subsistence and Personal Use.

All communities in southeast rely on raw fish tax to stay liquid. Reducing those incoming tax dollars unnecessary when there already isn't much of a fiscal budget anywhere seems criminal.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Darin Gilman

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kyle Worman, and I can be contacted at kyleworman@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Ketchikan. Cutting hatchery salmon production by 25% would impact my family and my business. By lowering the numbers of fish. Although reducing the number of chum salmon would leave more feed for the rest of the fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Harold Haynes

October 3, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Mark Edens, and I can be contacted at markedensak@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman from Homer, and have been fishing in Alaska's commercial fishing industry for the oast 48 years. Cutting my catch by reducing hatchery salmon production by 25% would be disastrous. Maintenance and upgrades would diminish, which affects safety. It is monies that would normally be distributed throughout the businesses of the local communities! It also lowers the quality of deckhands one is able to hire. Great deckhands simply move in to other jobs.

Every business in the community feels it when fishing production is diminished! And not just boat repair shops and marine stores. Restaurants feel it. All retail stores feel it. Everyone feels it from bars to churches!

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Mark Edens

September 20, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Tim Cabana, and I can be contacted at timcabana@yahoo.com or (907) 632-8467.

I live in Girdwood, Alaska. I am a commercial fisherman and primarily fish out of Whittier, Alaska. I have been commercial fishing for 50 years. I own and operate the F/V Gore Point and the F/V Arctic Pearl. I participate in seine fisheries and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This would bankrupt me on a year like 2018. Over 60% of statewide pink were hatchery fish this year. This idea would destroy a 100 year old business. The hatcheries provide a stable base for the Alaska salmon fisheries. Without them the processing industry would be much smaller and would result in a glut on odd years and no fish on even years. This is a terrible idea.

Also, cutting hatchery production by 25% would affect my community badly. Up to 30% of the statewide harvest of salmon is enhanced/hatchery salmon. Raw fish tax is collected by processors (3.5%), half of which is distributed back to the community from which it is processed. Lowering revenue to my community would affect us badly. Those lost tax revenues would not be replaced.

I will be attending the October Board of Fisheries work session. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Tim Cabana

September 20, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Susan Harvey, and I can be contacted at sharvey@mtaonline.net.

I live in Eagle River, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish from Prince William Sound, Whittier, and Main Bay. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska on and off since 1984. I have operated a Prince William Sound set net site for 13 years and participate in gillnet fisheries, sports fishing, and subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. For the last 13 years, our family has relied on set gillnet income, fishing in the Prince William Sound Eshamy District. The Main Bay Hatchery provides fish for commercial fishermen. Cutting hatchery production would adversely impact our family and commercial fishermen working in this area, as well as sports fishermen who also fish this run.

I am opposed to any reduction in hatchery production. The Board of Fish should leave hatchery production as is; the proposals before the board to reduce hatchery production are bad for commercial fishermen, sports fishermen and bad for Alaska.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Susan Harvey

October 1, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Megan Corazza, and I can be contacted at megnancorazza@hotmail.com or (907) 299-0687.

I live in Homer, Alaska. I am a commercial fisherman and primarily fish out of Homer and Prince William Sound. I have been an owner and operator of a Prince William Sound seiner for 20 years and have been fishing commercial for 39 years. I operate the F/V Centurion and the F/V 101st Man. I am a member of United Fishermen of Alaska.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Commercial fishing is my sole income. As a single mom with no other source of income, a 25 percent cut in hatchery volume would probably equal a 20-25 percent cut in my overall season's profits. Right now I am comfortable maintaining my safety equipment at a higher standard than what is regulated, and I am able to put money into my operation during the winter to keep it running smoothly during the season. I would expect all of those extra expenses to go away with a 25 percent cut in hatchery production.

If hatchery production is cut by 25%, the trickle down effect would be large in Homer where the PWS fishermen are buying trucks, building houses and are able to take the winters to volunteer at local schools and sporting events. Cutting out income by 25% would create less construction, a slower economy and less volunteering. If raw fish taxes decreased in communities, I am sure that additional property taxes would be the replacement.

I will be attending the Board of Fisheries work session in October. The hatchery program in PWS has been a staple to my family's life for as long as I can remember. My father, brother, and I all have boats and hire local crews. The crews will be affected as much as we are and it is often how they pay their way through college. The hatchery programs have benefitted everyone that I know. Biologically, the areas around the hatcheries are rich with marine life, including shrimp, whales, seals and sea otters.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Megan Corazza

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gig Decker, and I can be contacted at juliedecker@gci.net or (907) 305-0585.

I live in Wrangell, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish out of Wrangell and the Southeast District. I have worked in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 45 years. I own and operate the F/V McCrea and belong to four fishing organizations, including United Fishermen of Alaska. I participate in gillnet fisheries and also subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. For the past 10 years, hatchery salmon have made up between 33% and 66% of my annual gross revenues. A cut of 25% to hatcheries would likely cut my annual gross revenues by 8-17%.

Wrangell greatly relies on its local and out-of-town fishermen. Wrangell specifically invested in a Marine Service Center (boat yard with two haul outs) in order to provide vessel maintenance, repairs and upgrade services. When gross earnings are down for fishermen, one of the first things they stop spending money on is maintenance, repairs and upgrades on their vessels. This would greatly hurt the community. The loss of raw fish tax (3.5%) revenue would likely increase local costs for harbors, moorage, utilities, lifts, haul-outs, and other services provided to fishermen. These lost tax revenues would increase local fees for services.

The salmon enhancement program is a well recognized as a successful program. It began with precautionary management practices through ADF&G and has kept those sustainable management practices throughout its 40 year history. Two separate third-party sustainability certification programs (MSC and RFM) continue to certify ADF&G management practices.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,
Gig Decker

October 1, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jeff Bailey, and I can be contacted at jjeffish@gmail.com or (907) 441-6774.

I live in Anchorage, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Cordova, Alaska. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 34 years. I own and operate the F/V Odyssey in Area E, and the F/V Miss Margeaux in Area E, the Copper River, and Prince William Sound. I participate in gillnet fisheries, seining, sports fishing, and subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. My livelihood completely depends on my ability to maximize my fishing efforts. My Limited Entry permits would lose value and effect my ability to pay my State of Alaska Economic Development loans. These loans were taken out in good faith and I expect the State of Alaska to protect the value of their investment by rejecting this proposed 25% reduction in hatchery production, and resulting 25% reduction in available harvest opportunity.

Cutting hatchery production by 25% would also affect my community. I live and raise my family in Anchorage. This reduction in income would affect my ability to pay my mortgage, taxes, and spend money in local businesses in Anchorage. I also own a home in Cordova and moor my fishing vessels in the Cordova harbor. Cordova will likely see dramatic increases in property taxes and services essential to covering the cost of living in coastal communities like Cordova which is located off the road system.

The State of Alaska has seen a steady decline in oil and all other natural resource tax revenue except for the commercial fishing industry. A reduction in raw fish tax would decrease the amount of money coastal communities receive from the state to pay for roads and schools. A state income tax, sales tax and local city sales taxes on all consumer goods and services

20 years ago at a BOF meeting I suggested that the BOF was now in the business of re-allocating fish from one user group to another. I was sternly reprimanded and corrected that the BOF was not in the business of re-allocating fish. Today the BOF regularly reallocates

salmon resources between user groups. The KRSA's emergency proposal to reduce the hatchery production by 25% of 2000 production is only a ploy to undermine the economic value of commercial fishermen so they will fail financially and go away. Their solution is to then replace them with a commercial sport and personal use fishery. The fact is that the masses of people who come from all over the world want our resources for their personal use.

With global climate change a reality along with the beginning of world over-population when do we simply say that not every visitor to Alaska gets unlimited access to our salmon resource. Perhaps a draw harvest for kings should be considered by the BOF.

I will be attending the Board of Fisheries work session this month. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jeff Bailey

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jamin Morris, and I can be contacted at morrisjamin@yahoo.com or (907) 399-1677.

I live in Homer, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I work primarily from Prince William Sound. I have been in the industry for 32 years. I am the owner and operator of the F/V Morning Light and the F/V Shypoke. I am a member of North Pacific Fishermans Association and participate in seining and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%.

Cutting production by 25% would be devistating to me and my family. Me, my wife and four children all rely on the hatchery production in PWS for our paychecks and livelihood. This proposed reduction would hurt our community majorly. Similar effect to the Exxon Valdez incident.

Losing raw fish tax revenue would have a major negative impact on our community. These lost tax revenues would be replaced by state income tax or higher sales tax.

We cannot let a few sports fishermen destroy our longtime commercial fisheries. I will be at the Board of Fisheries work session in October.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jamin Morris

October 1, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Ray Sutton, and I can be contacted at raysutt@gmail.com or (907) 255-4986.

I live in Valdez, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry for 43 years. I own and operate the F/V Cape Trinity as a seiner.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. As a Prince William Sound seiner, the majority of my income comes from pink salmon. Obviously this would negatively affect my family's income.

This is a fishing community that not only is home to numerous commercial fishermen year-round; it is also a destination workplace in the summer due to ample cannery and deckhand jobs. Not only would fishermen directly be impacted, the city would note a significant drop in renters, food purchases, etc. Our locally-owned small bulk foods store is dependent on this population to stay in business, for example. Our restaurants are filled with sport fishermen here to catch silvers and commercial guys for pinks. Our RV parks are also teeming with summer visitors and fishery workers.

The fishing industry here is so robust and ingrained in our local economy and culture, there is no possible way that KRSA making some kind of "maybe" gain from this could warrant the excessive damage this would do to our local economy and way of life.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Ray Sutton

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Alexander Lopez, and I can be contacted at fv.laissezfaire@gmail.com.

I live in Valdez, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Valdez and in Prince William Sound. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry for 19 years. I am the owner of the F/V Boulder Bay (seiners) and a 33.3% owner of the F/V Legacy (tender/seiner). I am on the board of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%.

As a seiner in the PWS, we would be uniquely damaged by a 25% cut in hatchery production. Hatchery fish, majority pink salmon, represent the vast majority of our catch throughout the year. I estimate that we would lose 20-25% of our yearly catch. In addition to hatchery pinks, hatchery chums are the second largest group of fish that we catch, followed by hatchery silvers.

How would any business survive if their income was cut by 25%? The answer is that many would not survive at all. Outsiders may see our gross income and believe we can withstand the hit since that number is high. However, until one realizes that our expenses are also extremely high, then they do not get a full picture. In two of the last three years (2016 & 2018) the average seine boat were lucky to break even, much less make a profit. If 25% of our hatchery fish disappear then we are all but assured a large portion of our fleet will no longer be able to survive.

The community is the same as the businesses and the people. We are one in the same as the smaller parts of an organism join together to create the whole. If you take away many small pieces (people and businesses) of the organisms (the community) will shrink and die. With that goes all the support they provide all local businesses from restaurants all the way to fabrication shops. Less revenue for towns either goes by the wayside or local taxes are raised to make up the difference. You can only raise taxes so much before people have had enough and just leave, which perpetuates a vicious cycle leaving the community worse off in the end.

The stakeholders on the commercial side aren't just fighting for a weekend activity. This is how we feed our families. We invest our lives and treasure in this age old profession in the hopes of providing a good life for our families. With all due respect to sport fisherman, my family and their survival trumps their desire to be weekend warrior salmon slayers. If we found each of them and asked if they'd be willing to take a 25% pay cut in order to assure that the commercial fisherman weren't harmed due to their sport fishing, I bet they would find that unreasonable and unfair. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Alexander Lopez

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Gary Haynes, and I can be contacted at garylhaynes@gmail.com.

I live in Ketchikan, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish in southeast Alaska and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 55 years. I am the owner and operator of the F/V North Cape. I am a member of SEAS and United Fishermen of Alaska. I participate in seine, longing, and herring fisheries in addition to sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. As a southeast Alaska seiner, hatchery production has contributed 30-50% of my gross stocks for the previous 15 years. In 2018, hatchery production has contributed 80-90% of my gross stocks. Cutting hatchery production by 25% would affect my community. It would take away 25% of the opportunity for sport-charter-personnel use and commercial fleet. It would result in a loss of jobs across the board in all fields in Ketchikan and surrounding areas. As a home boat and business owner the loss of raw fish tax revenue has to be replaced (if lost) and that usually means the increase of taxes.

We have had hatcheries in southeast Alaska since the early 1980's. We have seen big influxes of both wild and hatchery returns. Because of weather patterns predators and ocean survival. I believe the hatchery programs of the state of Alaska are managed and regulated well. I would like to see them continue.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Gary Haynes

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Russell Cockrum, and I can be contacted at russ@vikingmaid.com.

I live in Ketchikan, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Ketchikan and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 43 years. I own and operate the F/V Viking Maid and am a member of SEAS and the United Fishermen of Alaska. I participate in seining, longlining, and public use fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Ketchikan would be hugely impacted since we have a large hatchery in our area that fishers benefit from including sport fishers the most

The problem is not hatcheries. It might be what's going on in the ocean or even the fact that the fish are being chased right in their spawning beds by the so called sport fishers

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Russell Cockrum

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Bud Marrese, and I can be contacted at budmarrese@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman and primarily fish and work in southeast Alaska, but have fished Prince William Sound also. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 45 years. I am a member of the United Fishermen of Alaska, Southeast Seiners Association, PVOA, and am an SVR Board Member. I engage in seining, herring fishing, and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cutting production by 25% will definitely result in lost income thru less fish to harvest and also creates less opportunity to fish in both time and area for our fleet. There would be trickle down effects of spending, and diversification of employment and workforce. A loss in raw fish taxes would result in less income to spend both business wise and discretionary.

This is a detrimental proposal that will directly take income from users like me and particularly at a time when natural runs are going thru severe down cycles. Alaska's enhanced fisheries programs are one of the wonderful amazing accomplishments of modern Alaska fisheries development and implementation benefiting all user groups and communities including tourism. They are extremely well founded, and professionally operated with the concerns of all users represented. The reasoning and basis for this proposal to cut is not sound, cannot be proven it would accomplish its goals which are short sighted by a small group of special interests.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Bud Marrese

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is David Powell, and I can be contacted at dnkpowell40@gmail.com.

I live in Wrangell, Alaska. I am no longer a fisherman, but was once a fisherman and have many relatives engaged in fisheries. I primarily work in Wrangell, Craig and Ketchikan and worked in the commercial fishing industry for 40 years.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Any reduction in the fishing industry would affect many businesses in many communities not to mention affect young fisherman that have just started. Many other businesses rely on fisheries, including grocery stores, hardware stores, ect.

I sit on the City and Borough of Wrangell assembly, so I have seen first hand the effects of the last 3-5 years of poor returns, and the effects it has had on our community. In conclusion I would say any reduction would affect Prince William Sounds and Southeast Alaska, fishermen, and communities.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

David Powell

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Ivan Stonorov, and I can be contacted at ivanstonorov@hotmail.com.

I live in Homer, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Homer, Valdez, Chenega, and Whittier. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 27 years. I own and operate the F/V Hadassah. I participate in seining and longline fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cutting production by 25% would be a huge cut in my family's income, and the amount of money that I could spend to maintain my boat resulting in less money for all the support industries in our community. Boat owners would have less money to maintain their boats, resulting in less money available to support the marine trades. More pressure would be put on wild fish stocks. The economy would be adversely affected in many ways, processors would be less diversified, employment in the fishing industry would decline, and tourism would be affected by less opportunities to catch fish.

With the loss of raw fix taxes to the community, harbor rates might go up, the city might have to raise general taxes, or fees to cover fish tax reductions as a result of cuts to hatchery production. Cutting hatchery production will have a ripple effect on all fisheries in Alaska. An example being, tender operators and processors need more than one fishery to be economically secure.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Ivan Stonorov

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is John Skeele, and I can be contacted at johnskeele@yahoo.com or (907) 738-9979.

I live in Sitka, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 41 years. I own and operate the F/V Sunfish. I am a member of SEAFA, ALFA, and USAG. I participate in gillnet, longline, trolling, and subsistence fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cutting production by 25% may be a 50% reduction in business profit. The local Sitka fleet spends most of its money here in Sitka. Reduced raw fish tax income to the community will mean higher taxes for residents.

I will be attending the Board of Fish work session. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

John Skeele

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Michael Painter, and I can be contacted at sede@kpunet.net or (907) 225-7165.

I live in Ketchikan, Alaska. I am not a business owner but I own a business that caters to commercial fishermen. I have been working with the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 35 years. I am a member of SEAS.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. The reduction in production would reduce in cutbacks and layoffs. This would be devastating to the community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Michael Painter

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jake Wise, and I can be contacted at jakerwise@gmail.com or (907) 299-3165.

I live in Homer, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Homer. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 37 years and I was “almost” board on the boat. I own and operate the F/V Silver Streak.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This will put more fisherman out of business. It will take 25% of my gross income away which is 3 times my average profit margin. Homer has become a very large port for boat and gear repair. The shipyard in homer has expanded the space for boat to be hauled out and worked on. Which brings more revenue into town after the tourist season is done. Restaurants and retailers benefit from fisherman having successful seasons as they spend more money.

I am a third generation commercial fisherman. I think the ability to submit proposals out of cycle is a not a good trend to start it slows the regular business. Especially putting in an ACR just a few months after the regular board cycle had been finished.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jake Wise

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is James Young, and I can be contacted at jamey907@gmail.com or (907) 723-1222.

I live in Juneau, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work out of Juneau and have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 15 years. I operate the F/V Athena and am a member of the United Fishermen of Alaska and SEAFA. I also work outside the industry with customers that are in fisheries statewide. I participate in longlining, sports fishing, and public use fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. I strongly oppose the measure. If anything, productions should be increasing. Uncertainties in ocean survival and the cause of some specific species in specific watersheds would be better served by increasing the numbers that are produced and have the potential to return. "Over returns" are very easily and quickly managed through commercial, sport, and other emergency orders by ADF&G. Possible changes in release sites or percentage of specific species may be warranted for "political" reasons, but production should NOT be decreased.

If production were cut by 25% it would probably end sport fishing for kings and reduced sport fish limits for coho. Income loss for fishermen who harvest "common access" fish would result in State as well as private loan losses, job losses in not only hatchery positions, but fisheries and related industries (tackle, marine services, etc.)

If raw fish tax income were cut, like any other revenue reduction it would force services to be cut and/or transfer the burden to other sources. (higher sales tax, etc.) It would be replaced by higher other taxes and or user fees either on the backs of fishermen/fisheries businesses that have reduced revenues, or the general taxpayer/citizen.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,
James Young

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Steve Feenstra, and I can be contacted at steve@bigdogfishco.com.

I am a commercial fisherman and primarily work from the Prince William Sound, Sitka Sound, Puget Sound, the Washington Coast, Oregon Coast, California Coast, and the Channel Islands.

I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 43 years. I own and operate the F/V Sequel and the F/V Miss Roxanne. I am a member of UFA and PVOA. I participate in seining, longlining, shellfish, and herring fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%.

This is not a good time to be limiting any fishing resources. In PWS, our fleet has increased by 25% in the last few years. We are looking at a possible 25% tariff on our salmon exports. There is no indication of an overabundance of any salmon in Alaska. We rely on hatcheries to fill the gap from damaged areas due to oil spill, illegal fishing, El Nino and other abnormalities in ocean conditions. In my business I would be forced to leave PWS with one or both of my boats. I have been fishing PWS since 1975 and don't want to leave. My summer salmon fishery is my main fishery with my boats, we rely on our hatcheries to make our living. My boats are very nice and expensive, I built a new vessel in 2012 mostly for fishing salmon in PWS. I am not the only one that is heavily invested into the fishery. I was involved with getting Silver Bay Seafoods into PWS . I am an owner and board member since inception. We have spent a lot of money building a new plant in Valdez. This new plant was built based on volume of pink salmon, employs hundreds of people plus 60 boats and crew. All fishermen are part owners in the company.

We should be spending our efforts and resources on a buyback to reduce some permits, there isn't enough fish in Alaska for the amount of boats fishing. Anyone who votes against more fish is obviously not a fisherman or is politically motivated.

25% Ises revenue from raw fish taxes will affect all communities. I have been involved in many fisheries in Alaska and on the west coast.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Steve Feenstra

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Russell Cabana, and I can be contacted at tannercabana@gmail.com or (907) 301-2291.

I live in Girdwood, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish and work from Prince William Sound and the Lower Cook Inlet. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 15 years. I operate the F/V Arctic Pearl. I participate in seining and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This would directly affect my business and by more than 25% because it's that much less fish to catch for cost-recovery that will then trickle down to all fisheries. 25% less fish to tax would most likely drive tourism down as well.

This ACR 1 is a PWS matter as it's about the Valdez Hatchery in PWS, so why is it being brought up out of cycle!!!

I will be attending the Board of Fisheries work session. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Russell Cabana

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Derek Blake, and I can be contacted at akderek@gmail.com or (907) 830-8528.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily work out of Cordova. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 30 years. I own and operate the F/V Enchantress and the F/V Endeavor. I am a member of Cordova District Fishermen United and the United Fishermen of Alaska.

I participate in seining, herring fishing, sports fishing, public use, and subsistence. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cutting hatchery production by 25% would make it hard for me to keep all 13 of my employees. It would also probably force me to sell one of my vessels because I would have to downsize my fishing business and look for other work to make ends meet. I would have to lay off 7-8 employees. My spending in my community would be significantly lowered.

Cutting raw fish tax, as a result of this action, would greatly lower the money coming back to my community. It would be much more than 25% because people like myself couldn't operate as much and keep their operations going. I would imagine property taxes and sales taxes would have to increase to cover loss of revenue

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Derek Blake

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Randy Gregg, and I can be contacted at fvpatriot@gmail.com or (907) 463-4430.

I live in Alaska and am a commercial fisherman working primarily out of Prince William Sound. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 35 years. I own and operate the F/V patriot. I am a member of the United Fishermen of Alaska and participate in gillnet fisheries, seining, longlining, shellfish, sports fishing, and public use.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. A 25% cut would make fishing not financially feasible there is not the opportunity that there was 20 years ago with open access Fisheries i.e. Longline, crab. Cordova would go away you would not be able to live there and fish it would become a summer to and locals would need to go somewhere for work.

A decline in raw fish taxes would cause Valdez and Cordova to suffer horribly.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Randy Gregg

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Charles Piecuch, and I can be contacted at capecauti@live.com.

I am a commercial fisherman working primarily from southeast Alaska. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 40 years. I operate F/V Cape Caution and am a member of UFA, SEAS, PVOA, and FVOA. I participate in seining, longlining, and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. In years like 2018 hatchery production is instrumental in the success of this year and the long term viability of the salmon industry of our region, in 2018 the hatchery production represented the majority of many vessels production for the year. This would have a crippling effect. The loss of raw fish taxes would result in less infrastructure supporting the industry.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Charles Piecuch

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Sergey Yakunin, and I can be contacted at syakunin7@gmail.com.

I live in Nikoaevsk, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish in Prince William Sound. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for over 30 years. I own and operate F/V Silver Storm and F/V Alaskan Pride. I am a member of the North Pacific Fisheries Association and participate in seining and longlining.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Reducing production by 25% would result in bankruptcy and more young people (generations) leaving the state.

If this is about king salmon why blame others (sports associations on Kenai river) when the problem is cause by the catch and release program. Also feeding grounds for king salmon and chum/pink salmon is in totally different areas. Why is state of Alaska going to take a reduction in hatchery production when the rest of pacific countries are stepping up building hatcheries?

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Sergey Yakunin

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Robert Bottoms, and I can be contacted at bottomsupair@gmail.com

I live in Wasilla, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I fish mainly out of Cordova and Whittier. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 27 years. I operate the F/V Osprey and participate in gillnetting, seining, sport fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Commercial fishing provides a majority of my income. A 25% reduction would be a hard blow to my livelihood.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Robert Bottoms

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Morgan Barrowcliff, and I can be contacted at morganbarrowcliff@gmail.com or (907) 399-3180.

I live in Anchor Point, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I fish primarily out of Prince William Sound, Cordova, Whittier, and Valdez. I have been working in the industry for 15 years, 6 of which I have been an owner operator. My vessel is the F/V Factician. I am not a member of any associations but I try to follow fish politics. I participate in gillnet and seine and longline fisheries, as well as sports fishing and public use.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. I really don't think anyone that would consider cutting hatchery production by any amount really understands the economic impact that it will have on business and even the state but what they are really missing is the impact it can and will have on the individuals and families that have devoted their entire lives to the stable industry that hatcheries have provided in the entire state. My wife and I have been commercial fishing in Prince William Sound (PWS) for a combined 23 years. I personally started commercial fishing as a deckhand on a drift gillnet boat in PWS when I was 12 years old. I eventually moved to running a skiff on a sein operation in PWS. After my wife and I crewed on seiners for a combined 14 years we had saved up enough to buy into the PWS drift gillnet fishery. This was a \$345,000 investment we made to get into this fishery. Since then we have reinvested into the fishery by upgrading our boat and building a new Reynolds Bowpicker built here in Alaska. PWS fisheries and other fisheries are stabilized by the supplement of hatchery fish. Without this stabilized fishery we wouldn't have been able to buy into a fishery, build a boat, or build a house. It's hard to say but we might not even have stayed in Alaska if our path hadn't gone the way it did with this stabilized fishery. I can't even imagine having a reduction in stock especially to such an extreme number of 25%. If you reduced my catch the last two years by 25% I would have struggled to make my boat and permit payments and I personally know many people that have struggled the last couple years as it is with no reduction. So not only would this drastically affect me as fisherman it will also affect many others with an endless trickle down effect. You have the processors, tenders, commercial fisherman,

and all the business that support these type of operations for example. Boat Building, Boat hauling and Storage, Boat Surveyors, Boat Trailer Sales, Boat and Permit Brokers, Marine Electronic and Communication, Marine Engine Sales, Fuels and Lubricants, Hydraulics, Marine Insurance, Marine Electrical, Metal Work, Welders, Propeller Work, Refrigeration, Safety Equipment and much more. These are all business that all of us fisherman have to deal with every year and a 25% reduction in income will have to result in a 25% reduction in spending.

I was born and raised in Homer, AK although I currently live in Anchor Point, AK I commute to Homer every day. As stated above this will have an endless trickle down affect that will have long term damaging affects to my entire community. Homer has many business that have built there foundation on a thriving commercial fishing industry.

Lower revenue (due to less raw fish taxes) is going to negatively affect many communities. I'm not sure else what to say. I would guess they either won't be able to replace that revenue or it will have to come from the city or borough tax which means raise taxes.

I am glad you are asking these questions. It will help inform the public especially the people that are considering this 25% reduction. If everyone fully understood what this could do to the individuals that have invested their entire life into commercial fishing hatchery supplemented fisheries or if they fully understood the negative trickle down effect that will come to their community they would never consider this reduction.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Morgan Barrowcliff

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Richard Allen Corazza, and I can be contacted at richsonja1951@gmail.com or (907) 357-7970.

I live in Homer, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I fish and work in Prince William Sound, Valdez, and Homer. I have been working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska for 42 years. I operate the F/V Malamute Kid and the F/V Fischer T. I am a member of UFA and participate in seining, sports fishing, and subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. College education money for our three crewmen would be jeopardized. Possibly causing them to postpone their education. Very big deal in their young lives. They may choose to find other employment leaving us with no crew. For us it would mean less money for maintenance on our equipment, possibly causing some safety issues. Upgrades would be out of the question and our business would slowly become worthless. There are years where it would mean no profit on our hard work and investment. Commercial fishing is risky enough without removing a chunk of the hatchery component.

The local businesses in Homer tell me that when Commercial Fishermen have a bad year, it is immediately noticeable. Dirt work slows, carpentry jobs disappear. And other job opportunities become scarce. A 25% decrease in our income equates to a "bad year".

Why would we even consider cutting back on a sustainable economic development program that has been in place for 45 years and directly benefits every user group in Alaska? It pays for itself and has been carefully and thoughtfully planned. The hatchery program is well regulated by Alaska Dept of Fish and Game, scientific methodology is paramount in the planning stages and constantly discussed. In my 42 years of harvesting salmon I am convinced that the hatchery programs do not harm the wild stocks. If there was scientific proof that the hatcheries were harmful we would have stopped by now. 45 years is a long time period in today's world. When

there is a record return of salmon the biologists try to guess why. When there is a run failure the same people try to figure out the factors that contribute. Figuring out the life cycle of salmon over time is a moving target. If ever a trend was established it would be easy to predict outcomes every year. In my experience no trend has ever held up. Mother Nature holds the cards. Without any negative scientific proof, We should continue hatchery production in Alaska. Public opinion should not be a measure of proof in a biological decision. Lastly, I believe that these issues should be addressed in the normal BOF cycle. This ACR can be construed as a "dirty trick", the stakeholders in PWS are not very aware of this ACR action as they have just completed their regular BOF cycle and are not expecting BOF action on PWS salmon issues. Valdez is located in PWS and releases its salmon in PWS ,this proposal should be submitted during a regular PWS cycle like all PWS proposals.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Rich Corazza

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Cale Herschleb, and I can be contacted at caleherschleb@gmail.com.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and have been working in the industry for 15 years. I operate the F/V Celtic Lady. I am a member of CDFU. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. It could conceivably force me to change careers, taking with me three employment positions that will not be replaced by the sports fishing industry. Jobs would be lost, ultimately less food would be on the table in my community.

Losing raw fish tax revenue means a lower quality of life for the least fortunate people in our community.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Cale Herschleb

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Hayley Hoover, and I can be contacted at hayhoov.cdv@gmail.com.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I have fished with my Dad since I was 12 and have run my own boat for the last five years. I own and operate the F/V Obsidian. I am a member of CDFU and participate in gillnet and subsistence fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. As you all know the Copper River Sockeye run had its lowest return in the last 50 years this past spring. On top of that loss sport wants to cut our hatchery returns now as well. Hatcheries were first developed in the state to help even out the natural swings of salmon returns. Cutting hatchery production by 25% could potentially cut my earnings in half. I rely heavily upon the chum hatchery Esther as well as the sockeye hatchery in the Main bay.

Cordova is a commercial fishing town. This kind of cut threatens Cordova's very existence. At least 40% of the community commercial fishes and at least another 25% of town works in the supporting infrastructure to the industry. I'm 28 years old and I hope to keep fishing for the next 20 years, but if hatchery production of chums and sockeye are cut I don't know that I will be able to continue on this path. The state worries about "greying of the fleet". This cut certainly wouldn't encourage the next generation to stake their livelihoods on this profession.

The entire state is in a budget crisis. It is critical for small coastal communities to be able to support themselves. With lower fish tax revenue more pressure would be shifted back to the state to support smaller communities.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Hayley Hoover

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Lisa Newland, and I can be contacted at fairwfish@aol.com.

I am a commercial fisherman and have been working in the industry for 37 years. I am a member of UFA and have been engaged in all aspects of the fishing industry over the last four decades. I participate in seining, longlining, shellfish, trolling, and sports fishing and public use.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This proposed cut is a surprise and not a good one. This will hurt all businesses and all communities that support industry. The general public is also unknowingly harmed. It is very concerning to have this sprung upon the fishermen. So many things about commercial fishing are unknown and adding to uncertainty is not a fair practice. If this is deemed a necessary action backed by true environmental need, then I suggest phasing reductions in over time. We could support a change in the species of salmon production rather than a blunt cut. There are certain towns that will suffer so much more than others. Please consider how we can help before inflicting this type of certain damage.

Please seriously consider all who come to testify. Please take the time to understand the hardship such an action will place on individuals, their families, support businesses and the community of fishermen and townships.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Lisa Newland

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Shawn Williams, and I can be contacted at craftoncove@yahoo.com.

I live in Chugiak, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I work primarily out of Seward and Valdez. I have been working in the industry for 39 years, I own and noperate the F/V Teyrn and participate in seining.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. A 25% cut could be the make or break for many fisherman on bad or fair year.

I will be attending the Board of Fish work session. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Shawn Williams

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Joseph Hall, and I can be contacted at hallj michael@aol.com.

I live in Eagle River, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish out of Main Bay. I have been working in the industry for 4 years and participate in gillnetting and sports fishing.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. As a long time Alaskan (25+ years), I have made a commitment and investment into starting a small family fishing operation. Upon retiring from a career in public safety, I want to remain in Alaska with my family and develop a future for our children here in that family business. We could have easily left the state and made our investment elsewhere, but we love Alaska and everything it has to offer. We made our considerable investment based on historical catch records. A 25% catch reduction could very well make our business unsustainable forcing us to leave Alaska. I hope that any change is based on sound science, and carefully considers affects on not just our family, but all families the rely directly and indirectly on commercial fishing to live in and continue investing in the future of Alaska. A 25% reduction might cause myself and other fishing families to relocate outside of Alaska.

I will be attending the Board of Fisheries work session. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Joseph Hall

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Joe Lindholm, and I can be contacted at redriverfisheries@comcast.net.

I am a commercial fisherman out of the port of Valdez, Alaska. I have been working in the industry for 60 years and operate the F/V Starshadow and the F/V Resolution. I am a member of SHCA and participate in seining and herring fisheries.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. IF A 25% CUT MEANS A 25% REDUCTION IN INCOME THERE WOULD BE NO INCOME. THIS WOULD AFFECT MY COMMUNITY BY WAY MORE THAN 25% BECAUSE I WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS WITHIN 3 YRS.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR PROGRAM? SOME YEARS ARE GOOD , SOME AREN'T. WE FISHERMEN GET UP IN THE MORNING AND GO TO WORK. CAN'T SAY THAT ABOUT A LOT OF AMERICA. THERE SEEMS TO BE A DEMAND IN OUR PRODUCT BUT IT COSTS A LOT OF MONEY TO GET INTO THE BUSINESS. IF THE WORLD MARKET SAID WE WERE SATURATED I COULD UNDERSTAND REDUCING THE PRODUCTION, BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. AS FAR AS JUVENILE SALMON HELPING TO REDUCE THE FOOD SOURCE FOR OTHER SPECIES I WOULD THINK THIS WOULD TAKE A LOT MORE SCIENCE THAN WE HAVE PRODUCED.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Joe Lindholm

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Chris Bourgeois, and I can be contacted at chris.bourgeois.96@gmail.com.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman in PWS. I have been in the industry for 15+ years. I own the F/V Screaming Mimi. I am a member of CDFU and participate in gillnetting, sening, sports fishing, public use and subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. It could literally bankrupt me. This year was a bad wild red run all across the state An the only thing that saved a lot of PWS gillnetter's salmon seasons was the big hatchery return in Main Bay and Esther. This proposal is completely unresearched An will not do anything to help out the overall wild fish stocks. Hatcheries have been proven for years to increase wild runs of salmon all across the sound. By cutting production all the state will be doing is losing money in taxes and in loan payments as some fisherman if not all of them will struggle to keep their heads above water. I just recently bought into this industry And would like to continue to fish it without fear of a biased political agenda being created by people who think they know what best for Salmon but really they are far from the truth.

It will cause strain all throughout Cordova as businesses will suffer because of less fish being caught. Which translates to lower property value, lower business development, An lower taxes collected to keep our city running.

Don't believe all the false misinformation the KRSA organization is spreading throughout the state. It's not researched or accurate they want to see the death of commercial fishing without realizing that Alaska was built off of it to take it away would have terrible repercussions throughout all of Alaska

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Chris Bourgeois

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Keith Edens, and I can be contacted at keithedens@yahoo.com.

I live in Homer, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I work primarily out of Whittier, Valdez, and Cordova. I have been in the industry since I was six years old, so over 20 years. I own and operate the F/V Sparky.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Honestly, in regard specifically to gillnetting PWS, a 25% cut would very likely turn into a massive sell out for fishermen. There are many many gillnetter that have barely been making it as it is. If there is a 25% cut, those fishermen WILL NOT make it beyond the first year. And after a few years I see a vast amount of the fleet gone because there will be no way for there to be enough fish after cost recovery and broodstock to leave enough fish for the fleet to make enough money to not just cover there own costs but to make money. This 25% reduction would be detrimental to not just me, but to 80% or so of the fleet. I will be forced to sell out of a job and career that I love, and find something else to support my family.

Homer, Alaska is very much so a fisherman's town. It is extremely affected by the fisherman's seasons. On bad years the town always feels a significant hit. And many many businesses are strictly surviving because of fisherman. If there is a reduction in not only fisherman's income, but also fewer fishermen(many would quit) those businesses and jobs would also shutdown.

Losing fish tax revenue would force businesses to raise their prices on jobs and tasks because they won't have as many people for business. Therefore making it my yearly costs and upkeep higher adding to the problem.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Keith Edens

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Kari Gilman, and I can be contacted at kgilman12@gmail.com.

I live in Anchorage, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I fish primarily the Copper River flats and Prince William Sound. I have been in the industry for 10 years.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This would affect my livelihood negatively, hatcheries are a huge contributor to the economic development of Prince William Sound as a whole. Our community would be significantly affected. Sport and commercial fishing is a big part in our economy.

Also, reduced raw fish taxes would not allow as many people to live in Cordova year round.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Kari Gilman

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Don Scutt, and I can be contacted at scutt@ak.net.

I am a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I do not work in the commercial fishing industry, but as Manager of North Star Lumber, I am directly supported by the commercial fishing industry. I am a subsistence and sport fisherman and have a vessel I use for recreation. All of my livelihood is directly tied to commercial fisheries. I engage in Sport Fishing, Public Use, and Subsistence.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. This would directly affect my business because if hatchery production is reduced by 25%, the fleet's lost income in Prince William Sound would be dramatically reduced, and I may lose some or all of my business. This action would greatly reduce our raw fish tax and puts more burden on year round residents. It would raise our sales tax, our property tax to make up for the difference.

The hatchery programs contribute significantly to the economy of rural Alaska. They support subsistence, commercial, sport, charter, and personal use fisheries and local governments benefit from the additional tax revenues that the hatchery programs bring in.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Don Scutt

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Peter Konovalov, and I can be contacted at petka411@gmail.com.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I primarily fish out of Cordova and Whittier and operate the F/V Clearwater. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. It would affect my business drastically. A good example of a fishery that was and is poorly managed is the Cook Inlet fishery. It has become the laughing stock of Alaskan fisheries. Poor management and politics. It could make many businesses go belly up.

Sports fishermen should never be involved in the business of hatcheries.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Peter Konovalov

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jacob Privat, and I can be contacted at jnprivat@gmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman and primarily work out of Cordova and Akutan. I have been working in the industry for six years. I am a member of UFA. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. I chose to invest in the PWS drift fishery this past year because of the diversity of the salmon runs in the area and the proactive safeguarding of the resource through hatchery programs.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jacob Privat

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Vicki Sue Kuller, and I can be contacted at martysuekuller@outlook.com.

I am a commercial fisherman primarily out of Prince William Sound, Bristol Bay and Kodiak. I've been working in the industry for 31 years.

Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I was not aware, until now, that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Our sole livelihood depends on commercial salmon harvest. Cutting our catch by 25% would significantly impact our personal and business life. How could anyone not be impacted by a 25% cut in pay. We have crew members that solely live on their crew share. Its hard enough some years for our crew to survive on what they make fishing, we may loose our crew if they have to quit fishing and move on to something else that will fully support them. Most of our crew have no other experience than fishing. This is the only career they have had. I have only just now learned of this, on October 2nd. Now the comment is due before tomorrow, October 3rd. So much thought and frustration is running through my mind. My husband has fished in Alaska since he was 15 years old. He grew up in Alaska. He has a great love for Alaska. I now have a great love for Alaska and the commercial fishing industry and our commercial fishing family. I have witnessed and been impacted by the sport industry destroying the commercial industry in Washington State. It also started off in small bites until now they have almost completely devoured us. That is relevant to this because they are trying to do in Alaska what they have done in many other places. I have always thought there could be things that damage or destroy our way of supporting our family in Alaska but I NEVER thought the sport industry could impact us in the great state of Alaska. Alaska should do some serious research into CCA and sport fishing groups and their false persona. If Alaska gives up our 25% it will not end there, believe me 25% is not their end goal. We have thousands of dollars of nets, equipment, boats, and more that now have little to no value because of conservation (aka all the fish belong to sport fishermen not the public who cannot or choose not to fish themselves) If the state of Alaska gives in to the sport fishing clan then I will have millions of dollars of nets, equipment, boats, and other assets that will have little to no value.

This bothers me so immensely. They have done studies in Washington State as to who is more valuable the sport fishermen or the commercial fishermen. Whole communities have become practically ghost towns due to the loss of commercial fishing. Our fishing income supports hundreds of people and business' not only where we live in Washington but in many other places in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Arizona and in actuality many more states than that. From where my laundry detergent is made to the place I moorage my boat in Alaska. This is insanity. We spend thousands and thousands of dollars in Alaska to keep and maintain our boats. We support so many business' in Alaska, the coffee shop where we buy a latte, the café where we get a hamburger, the gas station where we fuel our truck, the laundry mat where we wash our clothes, the grocery store where we buy our groceries, the boat yard where we store our boat, the small family business' that we hire for maintenance, the business' we purchase parts and supplies from, the small plane charter companies that we use to fly from one location to another, and on and on. Cutting 25% of our income will mean that we are not stopping for that latte or that hamburger. Cutting 25% will mean that we might have to wait till that part completely quits working before we can replace it. Cutting 25% might mean I wash my laundry in the bathroom sink instead of at the laundry mat. Cutting 25% means to me that I will be a lot more cautious because I know that this means that Alaska is not immune to what happened in Washington and other places and someday in the near future my whole livelihood could be non existent.

We already know that dividends would be reduced or completely taken away. New taxes would most likely be created which means an additional hardship. Are the hatchery programs that produce fish for the sport fishermen going to also be reduced?

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Vicki Sue Kuller

October 2, 2018

Board of Fish
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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Morgan Williams, and I can be contacted at n_seine@hotmail.com.

I live in Wasilla, Alaska and have been fishing for 22 years. Cutting Hatcheries by 25% would greatly reduce my catch and income. There are an over abundance of fisherman in the sound in a small area. By doing this quite a few would go out of business, most that relay heavily on commercial fishing. In the last 4 years wild stocks have been the highest it's been in many years. Although it's still not enough to sustain every fisherman, it does proove that hatchery fish does not have an inpact on wild salmon. My community is Alaska and the impact will be alot if fishermen go out of business. I personally spend more in local communities then 10 sport fishermen combined.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Morgan Williams

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Jordan May, and I can be contacted at knikmarine@yahoo.com.

I am a commercial fisherman in southeast Alaska and have been fishing for 17 years. I have also been an employee of a processor and independent fisherman. By cutting numbers of fish we cut numbers of fish available as a resource. Pretty simple math. Even wild stocks came from somewhere to their present spawning grounds. Hatchery fish appear as healthy and capable of reproducing as wild fish if left to their own devices. 25% less that hery fish is a big chunk of overall returns. This means less fish for sea lions, whales, birds as well as people. SE Alaska will have led feed I the water for all species.

Hatcheries provide good jobs and fish for Alaska and this is not fish farming. Early Kodiak red runs like upper station were started with fry and fertilized lakes which now have sustainable runs. Make more fish.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Jordan May

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Stephen Vanek, and I can be contacted at smlvanek@gmail.com.

I live in Ninilchik and I have been fishing for 50 years. I am a member of UFA, CIAA, UCIDA, CIFF. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Ass. provides salmon for all user groups. This will impact the total public and also affect the Association's ability to generate cost recovery.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Stephen Vanek

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Chris Morena, and I can be contacted at ctm94@sbcglobal.net.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. Cutting my catch by 25% would substantially decrease revenues. This would give me less ability to reinvest into my business. Without the ability to do proper maintenance and repairs, my business could fail. Cutting hatchery production by 25% would significantly decrease income into my community. The community I live in relies heavily upon commercial fishing, and the pink salmon hatcheries. There would be a lower household income, and it would also decrease funds for improving the infrastructure of our community. This would make an already rural community even tougher to subsist in.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Chris Morena

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Alan Otness, and I can be contacted at adotness@gmail.com.

I live in Petersburg, Alaska and I am a commercial fisherman. I have worked in the industry for 60 years. Commercial salmon fisheries impact my economic livelihood in a significant way. I am aware that the Board of Fisheries has been asked to cut hatchery production by 25%. In 2018 this proposal would have put me out of the salmon business in southeast Alaska.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Alan Otness

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Daniel Anderson, and I can be contacted at petmanse@cvinternet.net.

I live in Valdez, Alaska and am a longtime business owner her. I am not a commercial fisherman. I believe that cutting a vibrant well managed fishery with no scientific reasons is a knee jerk reaction to the natural ups and downs of fish runs in Alaska, what science tells us that a 25 percent reduction in hatchery production will help change anything other than making a unnecessary hardship on working families.

Our community caters to not only our local fishermen but to many of our neighboring communities as well. It is common to have our harbor full to capacity during commercial openers with large supporting sales in fuel, grocery's, slip rental, mechanic work, welders and many other business. In fact we in valdez have invested heavily in building a new commercial fishing harbor that will be completed shortly! I DO NOT support a large production cut at any hatchery in Prince William Sound!

I have resided in Valdez since 1975 during that time we have seen plenty of boom and bust years the hatchery here has provided not only fish to catch for commercial fisherman but has enhanced our silver salmon runs plus provided employment for several families this in itself helps our community tremendously.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Daniel Anderson

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Anthony Taiber, and I can be contacted at anthonytaiber@yahoo.com.

I live in Petersburg, Alaska and have been commercial fishing for 11 years. Cutting hatchery production will have devastating impacts on my livelihood. I depend solely on hatchery production for the majority of salmon income. Reducing hatchery production will have major negative impact on my communities fish tax income. It will have major impacts on my communities budget. There is no reasonable way for it to be replaced.

Please do not consider reductions in hatchery production. Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Anthony Taiber

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Martin Kuller, and I can be contacted at capekarluk@hotmail.com.

I am a commercial fisherman and have been fishing for 41 years. Cutting my catch by 25% would completely affect my personal life and my business. My business completely supports itself and my family. A 25% cut would mean that I would have to find ways to cut cost in my business and find ways to decrease expenses in our personal lives as well. I do not compromise when it comes to safety but I could see this ultimately happening in the industry when commercial fishermen are having to make tough decisions about what equipment to fix or replace and what to let go without repairs or replacement. I could end up losing my crew as they may have to find other employment and it may be difficult to find replacements. If my cannery has to cut back I may have to spend extra valuable time in line at the tender which could end up meaning that I am actually losing more than 25%. I'm sure that there are a lot of things that I have not thought of that could come out of losing 25% as it is not just myself that would be losing. It will affect me if the stores where I get my parts and supplies shut down and I now have to order a part that goes out and I cannot fish for days waiting for that part. It will affect my business if I need a repair that was once done by a local small business but now they are no longer in business.

My whole personal life is supported by my business so obviously that would affect everything that I support in my community and everything everywhere else that I support. I live in a community that has already been greatly affected by sport fishermen putting commercial fishermen out of business. I have a commercial fisherman living in a motorhome on my property that was put out of business by sport fishermen. I do not even charge him rent as he cannot afford it. I have thousands of dollars of nets and equipment and boats that have little to no value now due to the sport fishermen. Government caved to special interest, I certainly hope that Alaska is not a repeat of what has happened in Washington State. It started out small and with worthless promises that were obviously broken. Communities that have been hard hit by the loss of commercial fishing now have more crime and more young people on drugs. Washington had generations of commercial fishing which now most likely will not be passed down to any further generations. I grew up in Alaska and I spend a lot of time in Alaska not only commercially fishing but also vacationing and spending time with family and friends.

Commercial fishing is such a huge part of Alaska, I can't imagine an Alaska without commercial fishing and that's what will happen if the sport fishermen get their way.

They will increase our tax rate and maybe even create more taxes. They would most likely reduce or delete the Alaska dividend because the state government would have to subsidize the local governments.

Will the hatcheries stop producing fish for the sport groups?

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Martin Kuller

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Seth Balint and I can be contacted at sethbalint11@hotmail.com.

I live in Cordova, Alaska and have been working in the industry for 15 years. With the Gillnet industry already struggling greatly, especially on the Copper River Flats, we rely heavily on salmon hatchery runs.

Cutting 25% of our catch will affect my business greatly. My commercial fishing business will not be able to continue on with a cut to the hatchery production in the sound. Many people will suffer if this were to be implemented. Our community is a commercial fishing town. We gain hundreds and hundreds of people to our town each summer to commercial fish and to make an honest living. Our town is based off hard work and dedication to our fish. It is our livelihood. Hatchery fish is what we rely on to pay our bills and feed our families. By cutting production, you are taking away money straight out of our pockets. In an industry that is already over populated, catching is not an easy task. Our community will suffer greatly, it will most definitely without a doubt take honest working men and women out of business.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Seth Balint

October 2, 2018

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Dear Members of the Board of Fish:

My name is Mike Hamar and I can be contacted at mhamar70@yahoo.com.

I live in Petersburg, Alaska and have fished for 30 years. Almost 80 percent of the salmon I catch are hatchery fish. A twenty percent cut would be devastating to the gillnet fleet in my opinion. Raw fish taxes and jobs would be affected negatively. This would result in less commerce and would stagnate business.

Thank you for considering my letter in your deliberations.

With Respect,

Mike Hamar