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Chairman Reed Moriskey
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Dear Chairman Moriskey and Board of Fish members:

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There are many different facets to the 2020 salmon proposals and while looking into the history of Kodiak's salmon fishery, I feel there were many proposals that were denied during the last meetings that are being revisited in this cycle. I feel these proposals should not get changed for the same reasons that they were denied in 2017.

Regarding the Kodiak herring fishery, I believe the dates should be changed to April 1st due to warmer weather patterns in the Gulf of Alaska.

Regarding the Kodiak state cod seasons, I think proposal 51 would be great for the fishery and the community. This is a great proposal because it would allow local Kodiak fisherman to catch the whole quota thus creating more economy for Kodiak City.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking at the January meeting.

Sincerely,

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My Dungeness season has been dramatically changed and I hope the board will take that back on in March and put a little more thought into some of these proposals before changing livelihoods and a huge part of Kodiaks economy. The board passed a rule that we have to pull our pots every 14 days mirroring the same rule as a subsistence king crab pot rule. In a fishery that we're fishing over 1000 pots on 100s of miles of coast line and engaging in other fisheries to make a livelihood. The Department of Fish and Game made the proposal and quickly realized that 14 days was too short although the idea was headed in the right direction, it needs to be extended to 21-30 days.

I would appreciate the board adding an agenda item to the March 8-11th, 2020 meeting since our Dungeness season starts on May 1st. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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