

In response to RC 170

If it is the Board of Fish's intent to provide a limited opportunity for set netters, than the board must adhere to a pre-season projection of 13,500

- Set netters have given up substantial opportunity above the 15k OEG in the name of conservation under this action plan. A slightly liberalization above 13,500 is justified.
- If the board can not provide a limited opportunity above 13,500 than set netters will most likely not fish for the next three years.
- If set netters are out of the water for 4 strait years, processors will pull out of the inlet and our operations will degrade to the point of being un-fishable without substantial reinvestment.
- Set net operations take 2 to 4 weeks of setup in order to safely fish them. Relying on an in-season projection does not afford us the opportunity required to prepare our operations and hire crew.