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I offer these comments as public testimony.

I wrote Proposal 223 as a starting point to make a change in 5AAC 29.100 Management of the Summer Troll Fishery from the existing 70/30 split for King salmon (70% in July 1st opening and 30% in second or August opening) to a 60/40 split (60% in July 1st and 40% in the second August opening).

Proposal 223 will only allow the 60/40 split of our summer chinook in seasons of higher abundance, i.e. 1.60 Abundance Index and above. It would remain 70/30 when the Abundance Index is below 1.59.

Since 1994, the Abundance Index of over 1.60 and above occurred in 9 out of 21 seasons, leaving 12 seasons below the 1.59 Abundance Index. I offer this as historical information.

This Proposal would move 10% of the harvestable summer chinook to the second opening in higher abundance seasons. This equates to a range of 8k to 25k fish moved to the second chinook opening which occurs in mid to early August.

I believe this Proposal is in agreement and an improvement on the 1992 Board of Fish Task Force charge which was set up to design a management plan that would:

- 1) ensure a summer troll chinook salmon season of at least 10 days, preferably 20 days;
- 2) minimize the incidental mortalities of chinook salmon to the greatest extent possible;
- 3) maximize the value of the troll product; and
- 4) recognize the historic composition of the fishery.

Please refer to:

Finding/Policies 1992-133-FB in Charges to the Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Troll Task Force, dated March 13, 1992.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to amend AAC 29.100(c)(1)(A) and (2)(A) and (2)(B) to take 60 percent of the remaining king salmon arvest if the pre-season abundance index is above 1.60 (70 percent is in existing regulations and would remain in effect if the pre-season abundance index is below 1.60). The five reasons to decrease the percentage to 60 percent harvest of king salmon on high abundance seasons are:

1. Higher value for king salmon in late season;
2. Higher quality product;
3. Minimizes the incidental hook & release of king salmon;
4. Spreading the income derived from king salmon more evenly among the fleet; and
5. Greater opportunity for in-season management during the August opening

Thank you for your consideration of Proposal 223 and thank you for your service on the Board of Fisheries.

I will be available for Committee Work.

Respectively submitted,

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