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I'm against the following proposals:

Proposals 176 & 177

These proposals are confusing and attempt to eliminate the seine fleet.

Proposal 180

It is too costly for processors and fishermen and it would be too costly for the department to manage and enforce.

Proposals 181 & 184

The present management plan is working.

Proposals 185 & 186

1. The 10 year escapement plan in Area L is above average
2. In 2014, 1/2, and in 2015 1/3 of the harvest, was from Western Perryville District.
3. Low prices, delivery limits and no local market are the biggest factors to the Chignik fishermen.
4. Chignik permits are one of the highest in the Alaska market while Area M permits are one of the lowest.
5. Dolgoi area provides for high quality fish of all species and is about as terminal as it gets in Area M
6. Dolgoi is a longstanding fishery. Harvest records go back to the early 1900's. Changing or micro managing this area would be devastating to the communities of King Cove, Sand Point, and False Pass.
7. The 2006-2008 WASSIP report shows that the harvest rate of the Dolgoi area had very little impact on Black Lake or Chignik Lake. This is shown in the graph I presented to you.
8. Closing down an additional 140 miles of coastline in Status Area 283 -15 to 284-42, will not change the way the Chignik area is managed. SEMD has already sacrificed their fishing time, providing a guaranteed harvest for Chignik. No other fishery in the State has a management plan like this.
9. The current Management Plan in the Dolgoi area allocates to the burden of conservation. Sustainability is being met in areas M and L. Under the mixed stock policy Dolgoi is not a new expanding fishery. The economic impact on Area M far outweighs any benefit to Area L