

Board Members,

My name is Bruce Hendrickson. I live in Homer. I have fished the Alaska Peninsula for 31 years: 10 as a setnetter and the last 21 as a drift gillnetter. I am a member of CAMF.

CAMF proposal 182 requests that the June schedule for drift gillnetters be shifted back to the schedule used in 2004-2012 in the June South Unimak Fishery, the same as the schedule for setnetters.

The WASSIP Study done in 2007-2009 shows that all gear types in the South Unimak Shumagin Islands June salmon fishery harvest an average of 4.2% of all Western Alaska chum stocks. 95.6 % return to their river of origin.

For the 3 days starting June 7, drifters averaged a harvest of 16,600 chums per year from 2004-2012, of which 11,300 were from Western Alaska. 0.16 percent of the Western Alaska chums were stopped, an infinitesimal amount that rounds off to zero. (Matt from ADF&G SDP)

At the 2013 BOF meeting, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> were taken away from the drift gillnet fleet.

For example, if a chum run in Western Alaska had 2000 chums returning, they received 3 more chums because of our 3 day closure. Zero enhancement for Western Alaska. 3 days loss to Area M drift.

It takes time to avoid chums. As shown by Figure 34, less fishing time in June resulted in a higher chum bycatch in 2001-2003.

I support proposal 191 submitted by King Cove Advisory Committee to repeal minimum gillnet mesh size post June.

There are good reasons to support this housekeeping proposal 191.

- There is no minimum mesh size in June, so the June net is unusable unless the rule changes.

- The Post June gillnet is about the last fishery in the state to have a minimum mesh size.

- A new net for Post June costs a minimum of \$2500 per boat.

- A minimum mesh size serves no purpose now.

The Alaska Peninsula has had a salmon fishery for over 100 years.

For example, here is a saltery near Sand Point in 1907.

King Cove Cannery started in 1911.

Port Moller was founded in 1912

Ikatan Cannery was built in 1917.

The Alaska Peninsula has a historic right to fish.

The June South Peninsula fishing time was cut too much last time, considering zero impact on our distant neighbors.

Minimum mesh size Post June is useless and costly.

Please restore South Unimak and Ikatan Sections to the 2004-2012 June drift schedule, and remove the mesh size restriction. Thank you.