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I have been commercial fishing salmon for 44 years, and I oppose proposition 203 for the following reasons.

Management of Special Harvest Areas should be addressed individually by area, not state wide because all SHA's are not the same. In most SHA's escapement, broodstocks and cost recovery are done within a small area.

However in the Lower Cook Inlet area of Resurrection Bay the escapement and broodstocks are collected at Bear Lake, not in the Resurrection Bay Special Harvest Area, which stretches miles down the bay. The SHA in Resurrection Bay is solely for cost recovery purposes for the financial goals of Cook Inlet Aquaculture and it is normally only closed to commercial fishing during cost recovery efforts.

However, there are numerous wild stocks of all species of salmon returning to creeks within this Special Harvest Area. Guide services, charter boats and sport fishermen who fish in this area would be adversely impacted by closures that are designated solely for the financial benefit of Cook Inlet Aquaculture.

It should not be the ADF&G's job to close sport fishing that has no harm in escapement or broodstock concerns. ADF&G should never be able to shut down access to natural runs that fall within an SHA solely for cost recovery goals of an aquaculture association.



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