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RE: Proposal to repeal Article 14; 5AAC 01.670; (e). Lawful gear and specifications

Proposal to repeal new restrictions requiring set out in letter (e);

“In Yakutat Bay, a subsistence salmon fishing permit holder shall attend the permit holder’s gillnet at all times when it is being used to take salmon from April 1 through May 31.”

**Problem:**

A restriction in Yakutat Bay on subsistence users requiring them to attend gill nets at all times, April 1 through May 31, has almost completely eliminated the spring chinook harvest for subsistence users. Subsistence fishers catch on average less than 1 fish per day with most harvests occurring overnight. Fishers can’t reasonably be expected to attend nets for 24 hour periods to catch 1 fish or in some instances no fish. Most fishers place their nets close to their homes where they can leave a skiff anchored close to the net and attend it regularly during the day.

**Solution:**

Repeal Proposal 135 adopted January 2018 and revert to pre-2018 restrictions.

To preserve, maintain and protect the unique culture, land & resources of Yakutat Tlingit people;  
to maximize our social, health & well-being while creating economic development benefits to all tribal members.



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### Reason to consider proposal:

The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe believes the Board of Fisheries did not consider or expect this change in regulations to almost eliminate subsistence harvest of spring Chinook. The Chinook harvested in April and May is one of the most highly appreciated and important subsistence foods taken by local residents.

This loss of spring Chinook to our Tribal members fails to provide the priority for subsistence the law requires. While subsistence users suffer the loss on average of 200 Chinooks annually, a newly established Troll fishery is harvesting the same fish on a 1,000 fish quota and the commercial set gill net fishery is not required to attend nets at all times, even though fish are much more abundant during the fishery. They are only required to be at the "set net site". This is no way to provide a priority for subsistence.

Due to the lack of support, public comment, and data, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe requests to repeal the decision with regards to Article 14; 5AAC 01.670; (e) Lawful Gear and Specifications.

### What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Our Tribal members and other subsistence users will continue to be denied one of the most important foods harvested by this community. The subsistence life style treasured by this community will forever be damaged.



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# Petition to overturn subsistence King Salmon Restrictions


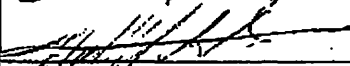


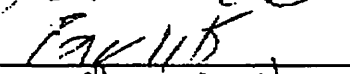

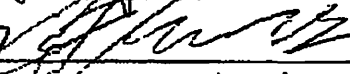
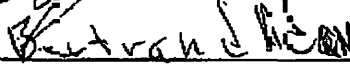


## May 2018

Petition summary and background	We the residents of Yakutat are opposed to the new restrictions in Yakutat Bay that have severely limited subsistence on Kings. The new restrictions require fishers to tend nets at all times in April and May.
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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Yrs Resident
John F. Vale		Box 195 Yak. AK	Many Households are being deprived of fish	42
Ernest M. Harris		876 Mallatts Ave.	Love fish.	24
Vince Johnson		PO Box 246	I Love fish also	79+
TRACY THACK		Coon Delivers 59689 Box 285	Misconceptions + fueled mis. information	20
John G. Williams		Box 118 Yakutat	we need subsistence	65
Darin Bremner		Box 195 YAKUTAT		50
Lee Johnson		PO Box 195 Yakutat		44
Andy Pavlik		P.O. Box 307 Yak. Kasilika		65
William Anderson		PO Box 874622 99687		20
James Wilson		PO Box 48 YAKUTAT	Not fair to subsistence fishermen in bay	35

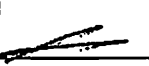
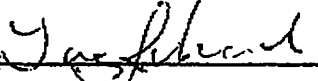



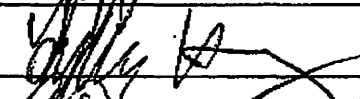


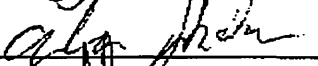

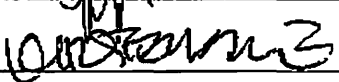
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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Yrs Resident
Daniel E. Adams		Box 487	N/A	
Matt Crockett		Box 417	got to be a better way	19
Nellie Vale	Nellie Vale	Box 193 Yakutat AK <sup>99639</sup>		57
Mary Foster		Box 257 Yak AK <sup>99639</sup>		
Les Hartley		P.O. Box 475 Yakutat AK		23
Fredy		P.O. Box 11 Yakutat		
Shelby Kshaka		P.O. Box 389		50
William James		Box 507 Yak AK		37
Barbara Adams		Box 75, Yak.		80+
	Gary Johnson	Box 211		52
Robert Sensmeier		Box 31		23

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comments	Years Resident
Jesse Pavlich		P.O. BOX 256		20+
Tommy Johnson		Box 51		30
Don Bremner		P.O. BOX 208		✓
Philip Harry		P.O. BOX 515		45
Jeff Fraker		P.O. Box 517		30
Lynette Henry		PO BOX 423		31
Rose Fraker		PO BOX 313		27
		" "		30
Nichole Fricker		Box 290		22
Winston Slater		PO BOX 384		28

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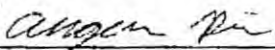
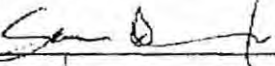
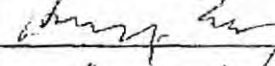
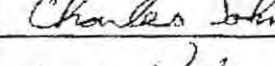
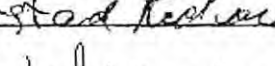
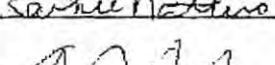

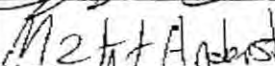
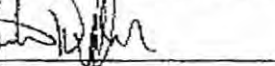
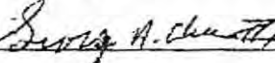

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Yrs Resident
DENISON Schumacher	<i>Denison Schumacher</i>	Po Box 25 yak AK		35
Dane Bremner	<i>Dane Bremner</i>	Po Box 1185 Yak AK		43
Albert Porter Sr	<i>Albert Porter Sr</i>	Po 175 Yakutat		48
Jay Johnson	<i>Jay Johnson</i>	Po Box 468 Yakutat AK		23
SAAM Johnson	<i>SAAM Johnson</i>	P.O. Box - 412 Yakutat		67
STEPHAN VALLE	<i>Stephan Valle</i>	PO 92 YAK AK		42
Richard Bell	<i>Richard Bell</i>	P.O. Box 93 yak, AK		26
Jonathan Paulin	<i>Jonathan Paulin</i>	P.O. Box 293 Yakutat		36
FRED C. BEMIS	<i>Fred Bemis</i>	BOX 33		61
Ronald C Butler	<i>Ronald C Butler</i>	Box 208 Yakutat AK 99689		41
GROBART BULLOCK	<i>Grobart Bulluck</i>	Box 241 Yak		47

Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Years Resident
Fred G. Bremner		YAKUTAT	Way of Life <sup>for</sup> Aleutians	45 yrs
Beverly J Bremner		POB 185 Yakutat, AK 911 Forest Rd #1		69 yrs
Samuel Johnson		<del>Yakutat</del> Yakutat AK		26 yrs
Amiah Johnson		Yakutat, AK	not enough dry fish	(=) yrs
Ronnie Valle		Yak. AK		
Lloyd Brown		P.O. Box 251 Yakutat, AK	Life style	65 yrs
Daniel P Henry Jr		P.O. Box 214 Yakutat, Alaska		60 yrs
Arnold Williams		P.O. Box 465 Yakutat, AK	<del>not enough dry fish</del>	
Cliff Toller		Box 323 Yakutat, AK	Winter & Eats	64
Steven Sitherland		P.O. box 266	Feedin fish	26
Lynd. Senimer		P.O. Box 8	Subsistence	66
Lillian Jackson		PO Box 88	Subsistence	28
Bob Zwick		284		56
Jason Yoshimi		Box 71	"	7
Pete Jades		PO 303		7
Russ Henry		102	Sub	42

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Angelina Pink		PO Box 515		10
Sam L. DeLmet		Box 366		From 1971
R. Pennington		Box 351		30
Charles Johnson		PO Box 382		53
Richard Watterstad		Box 78		<del>25</del> 25
Kathie W. Hentel		P.O. Box 78		25
Ginville W. Bratt		P.O. Box 234		26
Suzie Anderson		Box 454		32+
Met Anderson		Box 454		40+
Richard Telle		P.O. Box 176		60+
George A. VALLE III		P.O. Box 87		61

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*Fishing open June 1 Substance Thursday*

Petitioner's primary and background	<b>We the residents of Yakutat are opposed to the new restrictions in Yakutat Bay that have severely limited subsistence on Kings. The new restrictions require fishers to tend nets at all times in April and May.</b>
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Albert W Porter Sr.	<i>Albert W. Porter Sr.</i>	P.O. Box 74		67
Noema Moore	<i>Noema Moore</i>	P.O. Box 194		
Noble B.	<i>Noble B.</i>	Box 501		
<del>Robert L. Dominick</del>	<del><i>Robert L. Dominick</i></del>	<del>Box 3000</del>	<i>done w/o local input</i>	70+
<del>Tom Valle</del>	<del><i>Tom Valle</i></del>	<del>174</del>		57+
Rebecca Dewraux	<i>Rebecca Dewraux</i>	Box 445	BS	55 yrs
Amanda Bremner	<i>Amanda Bremner</i>	Box 156		32
C. Kohne	<i>C. Kohne</i>	161		7
Benjamin Rockwood	<i>Benjamin Rockwood</i>	Box 477		21
Shelby V. Skadda	<i>Shelby V. Skadda</i>	387	<i>fill back you up</i>	life