

Public Testimony of

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Oppose proposals:

- 78 - Subsistence Fishing is generous for residents
- 83 - This proposal is dangerous and illogical for the future of salmon fishing for all of us.
- 88 - Sports fishing should not be managed in tandem with commercial fishing.
- 104 - This proposal is fallacious and should not be considered by this board.
- 195 - East side set netters are drastically limited in fishing time. We are struggling to make a living.

**Commercial fishing must be protected - Specifically the East side Set-netters**

- 3 generations of my family has been commercial fishing on the east side as set netters for 60 years
- We are in harvest management tool
- Families have made their living's for decades and we are all in jeopardy of this not continuing
- Over the past decade our fishing has decreased
  - We have had seasons where we fish emergency order only
  - Due to the emergency order only fishing and the focus of king conservation we have routinely had an over escapement of sockeye returns
  - The hours we're permitted to fish are based on king escapement goals. Over the last few years, there has been late king runs. These late runs need to be considered when dictating permissible hours for commercial set netters.
  - Our gear has been reduced whether it be fewer nets per permit or a reduction in web depth.
  - All commercial fishermen on the east side are financially struggling
- Escapement has to be controlled
  - Eastside set netters and commercial fisherman in general are the best way to control escapement to the rivers for best management
  - Sports fishing cannot control escapement like commercial fishing does
- Commercial fisherman cannot be managed the same way as sports fisherman
- There needs to be better management of how the escapement is counted. The count has to be taken at the mouth of the rivers.
- Mr. Penny's comments earlier are radical and without basis of proof.
  - East side set netters do not kill kings!
  - He told you that there is a "good chance" that the king salmon may be able to swim under our nets if our gear is reduced in depth/length.
  - Mr. Penny is not a friend the Eastside set netters but without the contribution of the East side set netters controlling the escapement of the salmon to the rivers the future return is at risk for all of us and future generations.