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Regarding Proposal 40: Further clarification and opinion for the record

In total understanding of the time constraints in this meeting, I would like to present some “hopefully” final clarification and opinions in reference to some of the comments made by my fellow fishermen during the committee discussion on Proposal 40.

I once again would **STRONGLY** refer you to PC numbers 8, 30 and 75 in conjunction with the date correction made in RC-44. These are the testimonies of my neighboring lease holders who also would have a great reduction of catch and value of site should anything happen other than opposition of Prop 40. **These are the fishermen who exclusively fish in this location!**

With that in mind I would like to elaborate on a comment made in RC-71 in which the author claims that **most** drifters plug into the bank and remain stationary. **This is false**, and I would change this language to **the vast minority**. Rarely do most of these drifters partake in this illegal practice. They do in fact drift up and down the bank wherever the fish are. Sometimes this is out in the channel and sometimes this is along the bank and mudflat **directly in the locations set net gear would be**. The author does not fish there, I not only spend the majority of my fishing there but indeed the majority of my time in Bristol Bay fishing my site so I indeed know.

With that further point in mind I do hesitate to agree with altering the language of this unrepresented proposal considering the unknown and undiscussed implications on other members of the fishery. I do not trust that opening the Kvichak as a whole has been discussed between the fishermen in the district. Amended language in RC-71 would also not preserve anyones rights to fish as they have been, including drifters and set-netters. It would however give the proposers what they seek surely to their benefit and many fishermen’s demise.

It should also be known, members of our KSA (Kvichak Setnetters Association) are authoring this new language without consulting it’s membership pool of which I am a part of. **There is a conflict of interest in the leadership and it is possible their amended language would benefit some of them personally while harming members!**

I would be willing to discuss this issue on a further date when the Kvichak Setnetters as a whole can come together and collaborate on a language that would benefit everyone involved. **I URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK TO SPECIFICALLY to PC numbers 8 and 40** for our collective thoughts on the potential implications of such a large change in regulation. Thoughts that are only **MAGNIFIED** by the altered language in RC-71.

Thank you,

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