

Good Morning Madame Chair and Board,

My name is Clarissa Devine. I was born and raised in Sand Point. I have subsistence fished all my life and have participated in commercial fishing. Our culture and way of life are of significance also.

I strongly oppose proposal 140 and believe we should let Area M self manage as we have been.

I believe the areas that haven't been able to make their escapement goals are due to poor ocean conditions and the concerns with the ecosystems have been the number one factor. I don't believe shutting down or reducing fishing time in areas that aren't having problems to be the solution. The science is simply presented to us to help us make these decisions.

With our areas voluntarily standing down we are facing hardships as well. I am currently pregnant and still fishing to keep up with the cost of living in our area.

If the board chooses to adopt these harmful proposals, our communities and generations to come will suffer.

Please consider the science when making these decisions. Thank you.