

Chairman and board of fish; welcome and thank you for being here. I am Bryan Horn, I live at 370 Plover way Kodiak Alaska. I am a third generation Kodiak salmon seine fisherman. I have been running salmon boats since 2001 and purchased my first salmon operation in 2005.

I oppose the following proposals: 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 97. Many of these proposals are allocative and if passed will only lead to more arguing and more proposals in the future. If any biological reasons were present to change the management plans for the respected areas Alaska Department of Fish and Game would make the necessary proposals.

In regards to proposal 94:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is opposed to this on the logistics of trying to field the calls to register and report for an Igvak fishery. The Igvak fishery opens at 12:01 am, fishermen will be fishing all night long, so to report to the department upon commencing fishing the department would have to have personnel in the office at all hours of the night. This would cost the state countless unnecessary man hours. I have been involved in catch reporting during the Kodiak Tanner Fishery. We are required to stop hauling pots every night at 6pm, so the hours of call after call to Fish and Game for a crab report isn't that big of a deal. During a short opener in the Igvak Section for salmon I rarely drop my anchor for a nap let alone take time to call and report to fish and game. The department would have to man the office with multiple employees at all hours of the day to take catch reports, costing even more to the state. As an Ocean Beauty boat I am already required to deliver every day in the Igvak Section to improve the quality of catch that comes from that area. Upon delivery, the State of Alaska requires me to declare where the fish are caught on the fish ticket, regardless of where the tender is located. If I had fished two different areas, I am required to declare the percentage of my fish caught in the separate areas. If there was any indication to the state that someone was bringing fish over to the Island and misreporting it, there would be an investigation by the Alaska State Troopers. Furthermore to make any impact, misreporting would have to be a concerted effort by the entire fleet. Which would show up in the fish taken off tenders from different areas, constituting an investigation. As well, requiring all vessels to deliver after a closure could and probably would impede some fishermen's ability to reach other fishing grounds for the next day. I would like to thank all of you for your time.