

• **Joel Dutton**

• **OPPOSED to 375**

• **Tender boat captain for E&E Foods from June 19th – July 19th 2013**

• Oct 2013 Meeting –refer to **PC-4**

• **Letter submitted** by John Sund, Vessel Manager of the **Cape Gregg, (E&E Seafood, Buyer, Processing Vessel)**

• In this testimony John shares his opposition with ARC 10, stating, “It is our opinion the current set net site and distance from the nets were located from the shore line during the fishing periods do not create any navigation issues.”

• **Duties:**

• I tendered down in Ugashik bay from open to close, after off loading, E&E Foods would send me to tender up river in Ugashik village.

• I would usually head up river mid-to-late flood and back down mid-to-late ebb.

• There were a few times however that I had to buck tide.

• **“Navigational Obstructions”**

• Oct 2013, During the Board of Fish work session, the biologist was quoted saying, “I do know that it does not travel past the fishery, so to say that it can navigate I don't think is an accurate statement.”

• This statement is untrue: Trooper records should show that Trooper Quist and the biologist came down to check the gear that was in the water and while doing so I was anchored on the upriver side of the “obstructive” net.

• On this same day the **Jenny Jay, the 75ft boat** mentioned in John Sund's statement (PC-4), also navigated past the “obstructive” net without any issues before Trooper Quist and the biologist came down.

• The following day I was ramped by Trooper Ball and was also anchored on the upriver side of the “obstructive” net.

• I made this run on every opening during my 30 day contract, which means I had to navigate through the “gauntlet” (as it has been referred to by some) at least twice an opening with a much larger and less maneuverable vessel.

• The Jenny Jay made this run once without issue.

• I navigated around the net configuration at multiple points of the tide, high and low, without issue.

• **As long as you are paying attention and driving responsibly there should not be a problem. It seems to me that this issue is more a matter of convenience than anything else.**

• This stat area is critical enough to E&E Foods that they are looking to dedicate a tender to the area, by attacking and changing the allocation of these fisheries it can take away opportunities like this.

• **As of now there are two buyers in this stat area, if the fishing opportunity is reduced one buyer will have to go, which can negatively effect all fishermen in the area.**

• **Healthy competition only helps to grow an industry, keep companies honest, and protect those who provide the resource. Making a change this drastic can cause a ripple effect that that will cause far more problems in the long run than a navigational obstruction.**



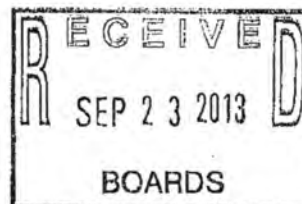
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RE: ACR 10 – October 2013.

Position: Oppose

Dear Board

This testimony is in regards to the proposal ACR 10 – Remedy a navigational obstruction in Ugashik River set gillnet salmon fishery. (5 AAC 06.331) – It appears this proposal is an attempt to change the distances set net sites may operate from the shoreline in the Ugashik River district. This testimony is offered to establish a factual basis in terms of operating vessels in the area of concern.

We operated two fish buying tenders that are 50 – 75 feet in length in the river in 2013 to service fishermen operating set net sites in the Ugashik River and in the area of concern referenced in the proposal before the board.

It is our opinion the current set net sites and distance from the nets were located from the shore line during the fishing periods do not create any navigational issues. Please feel free to contact us at any time for additional information or comments.

Sincerely yours,

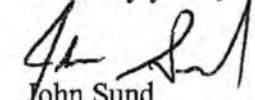

John Sund
Vessel Manager

Figure 2 Water depth at 1/2 tide on 18 ft tide

Depth taken on 11-3-2014 Approx 3/4 Tide From Nush-Clarks Pt table
Low tide 8:25 AM -0.9 ft Tide floods about 1.5 to 3 ft per hour.
High tide 3:04 PM 19.5 ft
Water depth change from Mean low water to Mean High water is approximate
12 ft at the village of Ugashik
For Mean Low water subtract 9 ft

