

GOOD MORNING MR CHAIRMAN BOARD MY NAME IS CARL PETERSON I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY. I STARTED TROLLING WITH MY OWN BOAT IN 1963. I HAVE BEEN FISHING CHUMS SINCE CAESAR WAS A CORPORAL. I WISH TO SPEAK TO PROPOSAL 176.

PROPOSAL 176 IS NOT AN ALLOCATION PROPOSAL RATHER IT ASKS THE BOF TO ASSUME SOME OVERSIGHT OVER A PROCESS WHICH , IN MY OPINION, IS NOT WORKING.

IT ALL STARTS OUT WITH SMOLTS BEING IMPRINTED PRIOR TO RELEASE IN THE TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS. TROLLERS TARGET ADULTS SEVERAL YEARS LATER ON THEIR RETURN MIGRATION. CATCH RATES ARE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY THE WEATHER. WE LIVE IN A RAINFOREST AND IF MOTHER NATURE DECIDES TO PIDDLE THE FISH MOVE RAPIDLY ON THEIR JOURNEY THE LAST FOUR SEASONS HERE IN SITKA SOUND ILLUSTRATE THIS . IN THREE OF THESE SEASONS WEATHER WAS A FACTOR. THE RESULT ? OUT OF ROUGHLY A MILLION CHUMS RETURNING EACH SEASON TROLLERS CAUGHT LESS THAN 30,000 FISH LET ME SAY THAT AGAIN IN THREE OUT OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS THE TROLLERS SHARE HAS BEEN LESS THAN 30,000 FISH PER SEASON.

AND THE FOURTH YEAR, YOU ASK ?? THE WEATHER WAS BRIGHT AND SUNNY. LARGE SCHOOLS OF FISH LAZED OUTSIDE THE TERMINAL AREA. TROLLERS SET

AN ALL TIME RECORD OF CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION PREMIUM CHUMS.
UNFORTUNATELY YOU CAN NOT BUILD VIABLE FISHERY ON ONE YEAR OUT OF
FOUR.

TO BE EFFECTIVE TROLLERS NEED OPPORTUNITY WHERE THE FISH ARE---
NAMELY THE TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS. TOOLS, BOTH SHORT AND LONG
TERM, TO CORRECT ALLOCATION IMBALANCES WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOF
IN 1994. IN FAIRNESS, NSRAA HAS SPECIFIED CRAWFISH INLET, A NEW RELEASE
SITE A TROLL PRIORITY AREA THIS IS A LONG RANGE TOOL. THE PROBLEM IS
THAT FISHERY IS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IN THE FUTURE .WE NEED A PIECE OF
THE PIE NOW PLEASE DO YOUR JOB. THIS IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM AND IT WILL
NOT GO AWAY PROVIDE SOME OVERSIGHT AS ENVISIONED IN PROPOSAL 176 --
WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP. WE ARE HURTING FOLKS.