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To: Alaska Board of Fisheries 2015

Submitted by fax 12/01/2015

Re: Proposal 64

Increase fishing time for drift gillnet gear during incoming tides in the Nushagak District.

We are opposed.

The proposed change benefits drift gillnetters at the expense of set gillnetters. Scores of set gillnetters fish in the upper Nushagak District well behind most of the drift fleet and rely on flood tides to bring fish to the upper district. Regulations requiring drift openings on flood tides would have a significant and chronic harmful effect on the distribution of fish to the upper district.

Furthermore, the proposed change removes a potentially useful management tool and limits ADFG's flexibility to effectively manage escapement and allocation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Re: Proposal 69

Amend the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan to eliminate management based on Nushagak District drift and set gillnet gear allocations

We are opposed.

The proposed change removes a potentially useful management tool and limits ADFG's flexibility to remedy allocation discrepancies. This change eliminates the utterly fair opportunity for one gear type irremediably behind in allocation in the Nushagak district, as setnetters were in 2015, to catch up in the Wood River special harvest area.

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Re: Proposal 221

Prohibit tenders from anchoring within 1,500 feet of set gillnet sites.

We are opposed.

The proposed regulation addresses a specific problem in Togiak but, applied widely, would make safe, timely and convenient delivery of set gillnet fish elsewhere difficult and sometimes impossible. The proposed regulation in many cases will needlessly force tenders to anchor out deeper where conditions for set netters to deliver can be difficult and dangerous.

Furthermore, our experience in the upper Nushagak district demonstrates that tenders anchored near set net sites only very rarely encounter drift gillnets in the first place.

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