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Would like to express my concerns on the Board of Fisheries considering opening up a Commercial Dungeness Crab Summer fishery in S.E Alaska-Namely District 1.

Historically the SE Commercial Fisheries has been open from Oct.1 to Feb. 28th.

I would like to go on record that I am totally against a summer fisheries in District 1, for Dungeness Crab.

I was born and raised in Ketchikan and am a 73 year Resident.

In Wednesdays Ketchikan Daily News 01/10/2018 was an article of Fish and Games considered proposal. It states that one of its justifications is that the fishery is the largest Dungeness fishery in Alaska. It does not say that there are an over abundance of Dungeness crab. So I hope that I am not hearing that the more boats that get in the Dungeness Crab Fishery, the more openings you need???

I have crabbed for personal substance, Helm Bay, Smugglers Cove, Port Stewart, Spacious Bay, Neets Bay, Traders Cove and have seen a huge decline in the Dungeness Crab that were in these areas 20 to 30 years ago. In the Spring as the Commercial Fisheries for Dungeness is set now, most of the Dungeness crab for personal harvest are all just under legal size in these areas until later on in August and September.

I propose that all these inside areas be closed to Summer Commercial Fisheries, West Behm Canal, George Inlet, Carroll Inlet and Thorn Arm.

We as residents of the State of Alaska need these areas set aside for our use and substance. They are within range where we can get to and from them in a day.

Would appreciate your response.

I will be preparing a letter to the Editor of the Ketchikan Daily News.

Best Regards,

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