

## RC 246

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Dear Chairman Jensen and Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I am a lifelong Alaska resident. I have lived in Sitka since I was six years old and currently still reside in Sitka with my wife and two young children. I have been gillnetting for eight seasons and have owned and operated my own vessel, Mae Lou, for the past six seasons. I primarily participate in the Deep Inlet terminal harvest fishery.

I oppose the USAG and SEAS BOF 2018 Agreement RC 153. The 1:2 gillnet to seine agreement for 2018 season would destroy the Sitka gillnet fishery. With only two days of fishing available to local gillnetters we would be unable to meet our financial responsibilities. It must be noted that Deep Inlet is the only opportunity we have to catch salmon in the Sitka area, wild or enhanced.

Thank you for considering this letter,

Dalton Bergman