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Chairman John Jensen,
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Dear Chairman Jensen and Board members,

My name is Eric Jordan. I am a lifetime resident of SE Alaska and have lived in Wrangell, Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Sitka (41 years).

My comment on the plans for managing the stocks of concern and for protecting other depressed SE King salmon stocks is:

1. I think some winter/spring king fishing in Yakutat where few of these stocks are caught could be allowed.
2. I like the approach to do this by EO which allows for flexibility as we see what is happening over the next few seasons.
3. I thought we could have a little later opportunity, like the Sitka AC recommended, in the winter season near Sitka, based on the tag data.

4. I strongly recommend starting the King Salmon summer season July one with a goal of at least 2-3 days fishing. I think there are all kinds of logistical, enforcement, and by-catch problems with starting coho only July 1. I think the benefits from waiting a week on SE king stocks, particularly in the coastal areas where most of the coho are then is negligible.

Eric Jordan