

To Board of Fish
Comments on Option A
Chilkat and King Salmon Action Plan

I am a gillnetter from Petersburg and these comments are my own.

Conservation actions implemented by the department in 2016 and 2017 resulted a gillnet catch of 7 and 10 Chilkat River king salmon respectively, per RC 259. The data from the action plan shows the gillnet catch rate is .01 for the same years, pp. 30, Chilkat and King salmon river action plan.

Please consider the comments to expand upon the proposed option A, as submitted by USAG as a step to try to reduce the economic impact the proposed conservation measures will have on the fleet. I think you will see the compromise offered will help conserve king salmon as well as provide an economic and social benefit to the gillnet fleet.

Thank you,
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