

Eric Jordan representing self, BOF Testimony Salmon, March 18, 2022

Board members, Staff, and interested public. My name is Eric Jordan, I have already submitted written on time testimony, spoke for Bart Meyer, on shellfish, submitted an RC on proposal 99 concerning SE Cove, and so will speak briefly here about my top priorities for salmon colored after reading dozens of on time and RC comments, listening to hours of testimony, staff reports, and Board deliberations.

1. BOF members, my written comment that we have a problem with the uncontrolled growth of two salmon harvest sectors in SE, the guided, mostly non-resident sport fishery, and the bare boat rental (BBR) largely non-resident sport fishery has been validated and amplified by reading comments and watching staff presentations. It is time to get a handle on the growth of the guided and BBR sport fishery before it does more damage to the resources, the resident sport fisheries, and the largely resident troll fisheries. The way we harvest king salmon to eat in SE is with sport rods as there is no salt water subsistence designation. We have problems with King salmon conservation and sharing. Resident sport fishermen, and largely resident trollers are making great sacrifices. Time to address the uncontrolled outside coast guided and non-resident sport king salmon fisheries as proposed in RCo12 by ATA and TS. I have read RC 462 by SEAGO. While it actually has some good ideas for management, the premise that they want to reallocate 5% from the troll fishery is a non starter for many reasons beginning with allocation criteria and public notice.
2. After more discussion and reading and listening I am even more opposed to the 6 line proposals for trolling. These will add additional cost to a private person, particularly small boat trollers, to participate in the troll fishery for the possible benefit of large boat owners. And, particularly in the chum troll fishery it will be an added burden on enforcement as we have different rules for different salmon species in the same area depending on whether you are running 4 or 6 lines. These proposals are controversial within the troll fleet and should not be adopted.
3. The NSRAA Board recommendation for a Sunday Wednesday Thursday Seine, Monday Tuesday Gillnet, and Thursday Friday Troll in Deep Inlet will greatly benefit trollers based on my long history of trolling in DI. I strongly support it.
4. I am so impressed with this BOF process, Board Support Staff, ADF&G presentations, and your deliberations in this tough time of Covid-19. I have been involved with the BOF process since 1973. You represent it honorably. Thank you!

