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Dear Chair Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Moses P Johnson, I grew up in a family fishing operation in Sitka and have fished in Sitka Sound for the last 48 years and currently salmon seine, salmon troll and longline in the Sitka area. I support proposal #102 as amended by the Sitka AC that calls for a 1 to 1 ratio between gillnet and seine at Deep Inlet and also support the fishing schedule stay status quo with gillnetters fishing Monday through Wednesday, seiners Thursday and Friday and Sunday and troll Saturday.

As a Sitka seiner with a smaller boat I rely heavily on the Deep Inlet chum fishery but also recognize the importance of the local gillnet fleet and that it is one of the few fisheries left that a young person can afford to enter into and feel that 2 days a week for gillnet is not realistic at this time given the fact that trollers get 7 days a week outside the terminal harvest area and as a seiner I get some extra time during large pink returns outside the terminal area.

I also am opposed to the Deep Inlet schedule in RC122 and feel there will be little to no troll effort during June and July the net fisherman need to be fishing to catch the hatchery chinook otherwise they will just get dark and end up as cost recovery.

Finally I would also like the board to take into account that most meetings of fishing groups were hard to attend for some fisherman the past year and that big changes in regulation other than those needed for conservation might be better done on the next board cycle.

Thank You for you're time

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