

RC after Committee of the whole on 116.

I appreciated all the comments. After listening to all the comments I am even more opposed to this proposal. One of the biggest challenges in chum trolling is working in tight quarters with boats going different speeds and some hampered by their drag bags to reduce speed enough to catch chums. Adding another set of lines deployed even further behind the boats will reduce maneuverability and is going to make working even more difficult. It frustrates me that people with relatively little experience chum trolling are proposing changes that some of us most experienced and productive in the fishery oppose.

Most of the fleet could fish much more efficiently by being able to adjust depths, gear, location on the fish, and by adding crew instead of extra lines. My prediction is that this will add cost to participate as people add expensive wire, leads, flashers, and lures in the hope they will be more productive. And it will make it more difficult for those of us most experienced and productive to work. Instead of increasing the chum troll pie, as I have worked to do for years, it will likely reduce the overall pie, and create unnecessary conflict within the fleet.

I like the idea of coming out on the trollers to see our operations. I take numerous people to see the chum trolling and have invited hatchery managers at DIPAC and SSRAA to come this year. Come on down and spend a few days chum trolling with me before you approve this proposal. Pics are of chum troll fleet in West Crowsfoot and one part of one day chum fishing with 4 lines last summer.

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