

Dear Board,

My name is Stuart DeWitt, lifelong resident, gillnetter and subsistence user from Haines, Alaska and am writing in regards to Proposals 122 and 124. I strongly oppose Proposal 122 as written and support Proposal 124. I would be support of proposal 122 if language was changed to address the catch sharing ratios we now see as was presented on. Meaning old gillnet catches being in the 300,000 range and now being generally less then 100,000. I would see a 5,000 sockeye cap through the July 22nd date as being and acceptable compromise between user groups. This is only a compromise for me, I have harvested sockeye from the Chilkat as a subsistence user ever since I can remember. If this compromised suggestion can't be agreed upon I would hope that the date would be put back to the end of July cap date at minimum. But ideally an August 10th date would be ideal as Chilkat Lake is one year away from possibly being considered a stock of concern. Protection of stocks for resident priority is mandated by constitution and seeing that seine permit holders are roughly 50 non-residents, maintaining the cap date at July 22nd and retaining the number of 15,000 with potential stock of concern issues would be a conflict with the constitution. Thank you for considering my letter.

Stuart Dewitt