



Maddam Chair and board members,

I am Benjamin Mobeck fished in Area M before it turned limited entry. I am a setnetter and I want to testify today about NOT supporting proposal 282. The thoughts and concerns I have along with many others is that this proposal is going to wipe out the setnet fishery all together, make a strain on the seine fishery, and bring hardship to the Town of Sand Point and their tax base.

I have registered sites I am still paying for through the State in the southeast district mainland which I haven't had the ability to fish in the last 10 years. I find that this proposal is trying to shut us down more, which we are finding that our reduced fishing in this area has not increased your escapement goals, which I am therefore very disappointed. I have great fear that this proposal if taken up by the board, we will have no choice but go fishing in rougher weather, and more open water with such short openings people are going to start getting hurt more as this is a dangerous fishery already.

We gave up the southeast district mainland, and Dolgoi island in June for the seiners. We are continuously giving fishing time reduced or taken away and it has not shown any effects of helping Chignik escapement goals, they are still not being met. We keep getting fisheries shut down in the Shumagins, and it has done nothing but hurt other communities and hasn't helped escapement in the Chignik area.

We need to be looking into other things as your own ecosystem and the affects that this Volcano is hurting your habitat and has an effect on the return of your own stock, not trying to damage another communities which are also trying to stay alive.

I strongly hope that this fishery starts to become an abundance again, but as we can now see that Shumagin islands, SEDM and Dolgoi island are not the problem with your return escapements. Thanks

Ben Mobeck