

Madam chair and members of the board,

My name is Taylor Lundgren, I'm an area M Seiner who resides in Sand Point, my wife works for the school district and both of our children have graduated from Sandpoint high school. In the summer my crew consists of local hire.

I am strongly opposed to Proposal 282...because it is an issue of allocation, not conservation. The department also has recognized this.

At this time I would like to direct the attention of the chair and Board to the Sea lion protection zones that were established in 2000- effectively ending the midwater pollock fishery in Chignik Bay. This can be referenced in my RC. I participated in this fishery and it was very successful at removing large numbers of this key salmon predator directly in front of chignik lagoon. More recently there has been an abundance of juvenile black cod in nearshore areas. Both species are predators to sockeye smolt & juveniles. Also, competition for salmon smolts from these predators could be a driving force behind Chigniks slow salmon decline since the early 2000's... this scenario was seen in Alitak Bay. Initially trawlers were accused of damaging local salmon stocks... then it was discovered the trawlers were a benefit - trawlers were then reintroduced to protect the salmon resource.

This illustrates a few of the many contributing factors to Chignik's poor returns. Other factors to the decline include the environment degradation of Black Lake.