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Chairman John Jensen  
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Re: UCIDA Agenda Change Request and  
Genetic Stock Composition of Sockeye Salmon  
in the Kodiak Management Area

As a third generation Alaskan fisherman; I adamantly oppose the UCIDA agenda change request, there is nothing in the Kodiak Management Area that needs correcting by this bureaucratic ramrodding (forcing a measure to be accepted quickly.)

I grew up purse seining Kodiak with my Dad, Mom and two brothers as a family operation. I purchased my own permit, boat, and operation in 2000 and have been participating in the Kodiak Salmon fishery ever since. This year I had the privilege to fish with my son who is 9. My daughter who is 6, cannot wait till she can work out on the boat! I depend on fishing the Kodiak area for salmon as my sole income, and any time or area lost in this fishery would be completely detrimental to my family.

Kodiak is a stormy, tough, long, grind fishery. Not a quick home run fishery like Bristol Bay or PWS, for these reasons our permits are the cheapest seine permit in the State of Alaska.

If we start pointing fingers on who is allotted all the salmon in all the areas leading up to and beyond Kodiak it will only screw everybody participating in any salmon fishery in the surrounding area.

Remember when the Kodiak seiners got seaward zone restrictions in the North Shelikof due to pressure from the Cook Inlet drift fishery? Then the Cook Inlet drift fishery was in turn restricted to corridors by the Cook Inlet Sport Fisherman So see how the chain of greed ruined the prospects of the original protesters, do we have to play this out over and over when we should be uniting to make a better market for everyone? Are we going to have countless treaties with each other? Each place pointing the finger on up the ocean, Chignik, Area M, Bristol Bay? We all know its hard to get the salmon to stay in their little lines they are allotted to.

Science has proven that the Kodiak Management plan WORKS! Kodiak has an abundance of wild runs both on the Island and the Mainland. If we are restricted from traditional fishing areas, over-escapement could be very detrimental to the environment.

Allocating is favoritism, for you to consider this agenda change seem against your values and puts the board's character in question.

The UCIDA agenda change does not meet the Board of Fisheries agenda change request criteria. There is no error in regulation that needed correcting.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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