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Good afternoon Chairman, members of the board and attendees. My name is Tim Doner, I have been an east side cook inlet Setnetter for over forty years. I fish at clam gulch along with my extended family, their families and crew. There are now five generations of my family that have and continue fishing here. This is our lifestyle, our livelihood, and our legacy to the next generation.

Another of the businesses I own is an auto repair shop. It's typical this time of year and especially this year with the warm temperatures that business is slow. Since cars tend to break when it gets cold alternatively when it's warm like it has been I have empty bays. When I have empty bays i begin to think of ways to fill them. My tendency in these times is out of fear to begin to question my business plan and consider alternative methods or adjustments to the way I do business. Fortunately common sense usually rules and my determination to stay the course pays dividends as weather and seasons soon change once again filling my bays with broken cars and revenue. I follow a proven business model and I always seek wise counsel before adopting new strategies.

I use this analogy in order to urge this board in these times of lower abundance of some stocks to stay the course. Stick to the proven plan trusting proven science and management policies in place. Don't be motivated by fear and emotional factors. There are many concepts and ideas that have been proposed however few that are founded on scientific fact and none proven to yield results.

I do not support proposals such as paired restrictions or others that have no biological foundation and further tie the hands of management restricting their ability to manage stocks real time. I do not support any proposals for gear reduction or changes and trust traditional means of time, area and methods as a proven tool in management of this complex mixed stock fishery.

Thank you for your time.