

Hello! My name is Joel Doner. My Grandfather was an East Side Setnetter. I have fished commercially most all my life. Mr. Chairman, Board members, I just want to thank you for listening to me.

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I only have a couple quick comments. First of all, I was reading the Departments reports while preparing for this meeting and came upon the one titled "Mixed stock analysis and age, sex, and length composition of Chinook salmon in the East Side Set Gillnet Fishery in Upper Cook Inlet". It is in RC4. I'm hoping you have studied it and if you're not real familiar with it, I beg you to read it again. In it I found that the Seahawks should win by 14. Oh, wait, that was in something else I read.

Actually, I find, In the ESSN harvest, only 723 Kenai Kings over 28" were caught in 2013. I want to say that again, Only 723 Kenai Kings over 28" were caught in 2013. While more than 12,000 of that same age class were counted in river. That is an exploitation rate of just over 5% on that age class.

Now as a matter of fact, I fish the Kasilof section where approximately 80% of the Kings we catch are under 28". Let me say that again, In the Kasilof section approximately 80% of the kings caught are under 28". On the Ninilchik beach, where I fish, only 17 Kenai Kings over 28" were caught before July 7, 2013. And for the season, we catch 40,000 sockeye for every 3 Kenai kings over 28".

I also would like to talk about 2012. Instead going all over that now I'd like to reference my Public comment to the task Force last spring. It is submitted as RC⁹¹. In 2012, The Setnet fleet shouldered more than their fair share of the burden of conservation.

So I have one question I'd like you to consider, "How much more blood do you want to take out of this turnip?"

If you put the only 723 Kenai Kings over 28" that the setnet fleet caught into the river, You still have an in-river problem.

Genetic Selectivity, water turbidity, Hydro-Carbon pollution that exceeds EPA standards, not to mention river overcrowding that leads to bank erosion and conflict, and constant harassing fish while on the spawning beds.

No I'm all for responsible and equitable restrictions in times of low abundance. But I ask you to focus a little attention on the directed In-river King fishery, not the Directed Sockeye fisheries.

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