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Chairman Jensen, Board members. My name is Christine Brandt and I am a ESSN with over 30 years of set net fishing in Cook Inlet. although I am participant in SOKI, CIAA, KSFGAC I am speaking for myself.

Today I come before you hoping to say something profound, that however, is not going to happen but I hope that you will consider my comments.

I support simpler and less confusing restrictions, proposal 119 as amended by the Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game advisory Committee a two tiered plan for the Kenai river commercial sockeye management plan, remove windows relax time restrictions and no OEG. I oppose raising any goals and specifically making a separate goal for large Kings. At the 2014 meeting it was quite clear that all Kings count as the whole, There is not enough Data from the use of the new counter on the Kenai River for a large King Goal to be justified especially if you consider the error that happened in the 2016 season.

The regulations currently in place do not allow for local ADF & G managers to manage when fish are in abundance and it is a guessing game. Parity restrictions make it even harder and I would like to address the issue that with a new large King goal possibly being implemented that the burden is once again being carried by the ESSN. I caution you to look closely at how this will effect the ESSN harvest numbers. My concern is that with this large King goal set net fishermen will see little if any fishing opportunity. Salmon are a resource that is valuable to all users as well as the opportunity to harvest them.

Parity may be successful for the sport fishermen but that is not true in the commercial fishery.

Thank you for your time.

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