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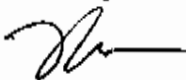
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**Board of Fisheries
Statewide Meeting, Anchorage March 7-11, 2020**

Support Proposal 277 with Amended Area for 5 AAC 29.112

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters are happy to enthusiastically support Proposal 277, along with the amended area added by NRSAA. This proposal, should it be adopted, would allow troll opportunity to harvest enhanced chums in the event of a coho conservation closure. There appears to be no conflicts with other user groups, and there appears to be no threat to other salmon species. The expanded area will allow more boats to participate, something that will be important should there be a closure for coho in the future.

Sincerely,



Max Worhatch, Executive Director, United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters