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Dear Chairman and Board Members:

Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I am Bryan Horn; my address is 366 Neva Way Kodiak. I am representing myself and my family. I am a third generation Kodiak salmon seine fishermen. I oppose proposals 58-62, 63-66 and 37. I support proposal 51. I would like to reference RC____. My first full share deckhand position I was 13 years old on my father's boat. I progressed to skiff man and finally to the point where my dad would run the skiff and I would set, tow seine and haul the net. For the last 19 years I have been owner/operating seiners in Kodiak. I raise my family in Kodiak, just as my father and grandfather did. I learned to seine from my father, just as my father did with my grandfather. Grandpa began as a crewmember seining in "Kodiak" sometime in the 40's. I say Kodiak, but until area registration and then limited entry he fished in what are now Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik Districts. My grandfather built our families first seiner the Morning Star in 1965, here in Kodiak, and his first year fishing the Morning Star was 1966. When the state gave out the first limited entry permits grandpa had his choice of the three permits. He chose Kodiak, because this is where he was raising his family. The permit that he was given is the permit that my father acquired, and he continues to use to this day. Currently my father, both my uncles and myself own seiners in the Kodiak harbor. The picture you are looking at is a photo of my oldest of four sons and my daughter. Madden is 12 years old and will be 13 the middle of next salmon season. For the last two years while Madden has been on the boat the hired skiff man finds himself with lots of extra down time. Madden along with my two 10-year-old boys absolutely love being out on the boat fishing with me. Just as I did with my father and he did with his.

In the boards policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries, section d the final sentence states, "Natural fluctuations in the abundance of stocks harvested in a fishery will not be the single factor that identifies a fishery as expanding or new." The genetic study of 2014-2016 does not provide any new information that the state has not already known. Nobody can control the natural fluctuations of an abundance or lack of abundance of salmon at any given time in any given area. Kodiaks management plan is one of the longest running management plan in the state. It is designed to control escapement and harvest of local stocks of all five species of salmon all around the island and a portion of the mainland. If anyone of these proposals pass it will be only a reallocation of fish, which the boards allocation criteria does not support.

These proposals will be detrimental to Kodiak local stocks by greatly tying the hands of Fish and Game to manage our local stocks in an efficient manner. It would also make it harder for the entry level fishermen to make fishing work, as we have seen many younger boat owners in the last few years enter our fishery. Taking away fishing time from them in a fishery they have just

begun, could very easily bankrupt some. People often run themselves financially into the red to break in to a fishing career, and many have recently done that not knowing the fishery they bought into could be decimated from its former self by these proposals. Some of these fishermen will soon be my kids. If they choose, I hope, my boys and other Kodiak salmon fishermen can continue to raise their families in Kodiak, involved in a fishery that I love.

Currently I have many friends intown from Homer for the Kodiak tanner crab season starting on January 15. Should they not be allowed to catch as many tanner crabs just because of where their residence is in the state? No, natural resources are owned by the people of the state.

Bryan Horn

Owner/operator F/V Jamboree

Kodiak Seiner

