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Dear Board of Fisheries Members:

RE: Chignik Escapement—Dolgoi Fishery

I am Alfredo About Eid, a full time resident of Chignik Lagoon for over 35 years with my wife and sons. We operate the seiner *Alaskan Frontier* and fish Chignik salmon commercially for a major portion of our income.

It is with respect that I ask you the Fisheries Board to understand the consequences that the Dolgoi fishery has on Chignik sockeye salmon. That fishery harvests 99% non-local stocks, and in order of catch abundance are Chignik, Upper Cook Inlet & Kodiak, and Bristol Bay sockeye as reported by WASSIP. Local South Peninsula sockeye salmon constitute less than 1%. 50% of the Dolgoi sockeye, again per WASSIP, are mixed Chignik early and late run sockeye salmon. While Chignik sockeye are caught throughout the Shumagins, Unimak District, and SEDM, the SEDM is only one that is restricted when one or both of the Chignik runs are faltering and not meeting escapements. Logically, the neighboring Dolgoi area to the west of the SEDM should have a similar requirement to better the odds of Chignik not ending up short on escapement during low run years. This would be fair not only to Chignik which bears most of the consequences of escapement shortages, but also to the SEDM and Igvak fishery areas too. Of course most important is that the Chignik runs remain healthy and productive which requires that the Chignik River drainage receives the proper escapements on its two sockeye runs. Hopefully the Board will bring the Dolgoi fishery into the fold by having it assist the Chignik sockeye runs make escapement, every year. As you know and for the record, sharing the burden of conservation across fisheries is not about allocations it----- is about good management legitimately for the purpose of resource preservation for all Alaskans.

The recommendations in ACR 5's make sense. The Dolgoi fishery should be covered under the same Chignik conservation provision as in the SEDM Management Plan. Respectfully, please do what is right for the Chignik sockeye salmon resource.

Thank you,