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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Gary Hollier. I am a 65 year lifelong resident of Kenai. I have set netted on Kalifonsky Beach, in Cook Inlet, since 1971.

I have one of the larger set net operations in Cook Inlet. My business is more in the red, instead of the black for a number of years.

If I can't be financially solvent, I know that most other operations, big or small, are also in the red.

Last season Hollier Fisheries Inc. was in the red \$39,485.

I won't go into the individual expenses, but with property taxes, crew insurance, crew licenses, permit fees, shore fishery leases, food, fuel, electricity, natural gas, property liability, depreciation, amortization, maintenance on nine skiffs, motors, power rollers, power packs, maintenance on trucks, 4-wheelers, tractors, etc. the startup costs and bills that run thru the season add up.

I hire 10-15 crew members annually. They are at my beach site for the entire season. In 2018 the Kenai Section set netters fished 3 days!

SB 90 is a good thing for all user groups. It is good for the commercial fishermen that want out. It is good for the ones that want to stay. It is good for the Personal Use Fishermen. It is good for the In-river Sportsman.

With less commercial gear in the water, escapement goals in-river will be met sooner which will allow all user groups to fish with fewer or no restrictions.

Mostly it is a good thing for young people and new entrants into the set net fishery. With less competition for the resource, in-river escapement goals achieved quicker, there is more opportunity to fish and thus more opportunity to be in the black.

SB 90 is a good bill. Please move it forward.

Thank you,
Gary L. Hollier