

Senate Resources Committee;

Re: SB 90

Date: April 25, 2019

Dear Committee Chair and members,

How does this bill ensure the traditional utilization of permits along the eastside (set gillnet) pertaining to maximum sustained yields and distributing escapements to established goals?

Please ask this question to both CFEC and ADFG. The Limited Entry Act was put in to ensure the “viability” of both fishing communities and salmon resources through traditional commercial harvest and ensuring yields into the future. However, not one question or discussion (answers) on the unintended consequences on management of either Kasilof River sockeye salmon or Kenai late-run sockeye salmon has ever been asked to those Agencies responsible for carrying out the purpose of the Limited Entry Act.

Not one question has been raised over Senator Micciche’s conflict of interest, as a UCI dual permit holder Drift gillnetter, any significant reduction in set net permits along the eastside will have significant allocation consequences upon the traditional set gillnet fisheries and to Northern District set netters; i.e. more Susitna bound stocks would be impacted as well as minor systems along the Westside if ADF&G chooses to manage the Kenai sockeye run from a re-allocation scenario because NO One from ADFG explained the consequences?

“More Fish in the River”? Sen. Micciche has totally ignored habitat degradation along the estuarine areas around the mouth of the Kenai River caused by personal use fishermen. This is well documented by Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Kenai. Essential Fish Habitat, Wildlife Bird migratory listings, the Clean Water Act have been completely ignored. The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation has issued annual warnings over the fecal coliform levels over fish waste and human caused impacts (not safe to eat the fish from contaminated fecal coliform water during the personal use dip net fishery.

Sincerely stated,

Mark Ducker,

Life-long Alaska commercial set gillnet fishermen and family fishing operations have been in effect since 1941 to the present.

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