

So this bill will give the people control to mismanage their own areas? (Why not let prisoners control the prisons?) Obviously they wouldn't do what is in the best interest of the fisheries because most people are short sighted and want more profit today. We are watching a decline of most fisheries in Alaska and allowing for less oversight on that will certainly mean the destruction of the few fisheries we have left. We have a unique king species in the Kenai that is going extinct directly because of set netting by catch. With the increased red run we can effectively harvest the surplus with the drift fleet with next to no by catch. People profiting off of set nets don't care if the king population dies as long as their profits increase. Instead of increasing the commercial fishing of these resources as Alaskans, we should shut them down so the fish will be here for locals and future generations. I have not read the bill but if your summary of it is accurate then it is a horrible idea. People think they can manage nature but when we do we screw it up more often than not. You can prevent the destruction of some of the largest king salmon genetics in the world by not giving into people desire for short sighted profits.

Thank you, Bryse Payment

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Hello,

I do not support Senate Bill 158.

I have a Bachelor's of Science in Wildlife Biology and a background in fisheries work. I have personally worked for the department of Fish and Game doing East Side set net King salmon surveys in the past for multiple years and have seen first hand the numbers of king salmon caught in set nets. I have also seen fisherman hide king salmon in coolers, trucks, tractors and boat seats to try and convince me that they caught less king salmon than they recorded on their falsified fish tickets. These fisherman can not be trusted to manage their own fishing area and do not want to follow any kind of scientific fisheries management policies.

I have also worked the king salmon sonar station for years and have extensive experience counting sonar. Almost every set netter I have ever spoken to does not even believe that sonar technology actually exists and doesn't know how basic statistics work.

If we ever want the king runs to rebound, we need to stop the indiscriminate use of set nets and leave the fisheries management to people who are capable of it. If left to their own management, the set netters will work towards crashing the king run by hiding fish, falsely reporting catches and harassing the department of Fish and Game employees who are

there to check catches. They are fighting to make short term money at the expense of the long term fisheries management goals.

Sincerely, someone who has experienced this first hand.

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