

Dear Representative Stutes and members of the House Fisheries Committee,

My name is Eric Dieters and my family has been salmon Setnet fishing on Kodiak for 52 years.

I'm writing in support of HB 117.

Please dont make the delivering of our fish any more difficult by forcing the "stamp of every permit card fishing" every time we deliver to a Tender!

My Family has had up to 5 permits fishing at our camp over the years, we are currently fishing 2 permits. We have always commingled fish at the Tender for our deliveries. This is the most efficient process to offload, record the weights, and allow the tender vessel to move on to the next camp for speedy deliveries. Every permit holder has always been on the fishing grounds if their gear is in the water, hard stop, it's the law of the land, no exceptions.

In the salmon industry, time is money! Waiting around for the tender can cost our business a lot of money! Our boats need to be efficiently offloaded so that we can get back to the nets with empty boats and continue to catch new fish.

Waiting for the tender to come around while we have full boats and full nets is economic gridlock for us! We depend on a speedy tender service to keep our business running!

By forcing the tender vessel to process every "permit card" for every delivery would be an absolute disaster for our industry!

I would dare to compare this inefficiency to a scenario where EVERY PERSON riding in a car would have to type in your credit card number, pin, ex date, address, billing address, at a toll both on a busy highway while everyone is trying to get to their place of work! And then same thing trying to get home!

We have amazing technology these days to make business and personal life incredibly efficient, please dont disrupt our industry with bogged down backward inefficiencies!

If this is such a problem that needs to be addressed then fix it with a creative technology solution that makes it easier for the fishermen to deliver, not harder! I'm sure there are plenty of good ideas on how to approach this topic, but stamping every permit card every time is not one!

Even the system that we have now is fairly inefficient and could be streamlined to keep the tender moving to offload the next camp.

We need to get our fish delivered for quality purposes as well, more waiting around equates to lower quality fish.

We are not asking for anything to change. We are trying to preserve the status quo to keep our deliveries quick and efficient.

Thank you for trying to solve this issue for us!

Sincerely,

Eric Dieters