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Dera Chair Merrick and Committee Members,

My name is Jeff Farvour. I am a full time commercial fisherman that resides in Sitka. I'm also a long time participant in BOF and other fisheries forums. I ask for your support for HB 33.

Currently, due the outdated and ineffective policy that prevents knowledgeable BOF members from participating in discussions, debate and even asking clarifying questions, BOF decisions can often lack key elements that facilitate intended outcomes. These outdated policies also put a massive strain on BOF members, BOF staff and BOF participants to educate and inform the BOF process.

Additionally, a primary tenet of the BOF process is to have BOF members with fisheries and region specific knowledge that can provide the perspective to make informed decisions. This would encourage a stronger pool of eligible BOF members, improve transparency and help build stronger policies and records.

Thank you for your consideration and your service,

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