

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 163. My name is Sean Brownell and I have been an Alaskan resident for 30 years. I am a Yakutat commercial set net fisherman, as well as a business owner, and property owner in Haines Alaska who is trying to raise a family here in Southeast Alaska.

I will be directly impacted by two of these nominations, the Chilkat and Yakutat, and therefore have a special interest in this new mechanism you are considering. While it is important to keep the water and fish healthy for my livelihood (which DEC is saying they already do), I also want to have my rights and freedoms stay intact because we lose bits and pieces of them every day lately. I think a tier 3 nomination is not the right choice as it will take away future opportunities for me to conduct new, and/or existing business. There are other ways of regulating activity on the lands to maintain clean air and water that are already in place.

Commissioner Hartig, has characterized Tier 3 as 'park-like' – what does mean for commercial and subsistence use in the future? Tier 3 is a new thing in Alaska so there is a lot of confusion about it. For example, how are the existing users going to be grandfathered in? Will there be negative economic impacts? I would like to be notified and have the opportunity to fully understand the implications before it ever reaches the Legislature for a vote.

I support giving legislature the final decision authority, but I would also like to see some amendments that would ensure we all go into this with our eyes wide open. Most of us live in Alaska to enjoy certain freedoms that don't exist elsewhere and I ask you to stop and consider what we may all be losing as individuals with our own dreams that are not related to the direct intent of Tier 3 Nomination. I'm sure that if this goes through there will be a lot of hidden surprises that will shut the door on many things that no one is aware of.

Thank you for listening,

Sean Brownell