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Kodiak Fisheries Work Group  
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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the Kodiak Fisheries Work Group,

My name is Nate Rose and I am a commercial salmon seiner in Kodiak. I am also part of a group called the Kodiak Seiners that is in the process of being incorporated.

First and fore-most I appreciate you taking up the upcoming Upper Cook Inlet Genetic Study, and BOF issues that will most definitely impact Kodiak.

As you know, this issue is not new. There was a very similar and brutal battle that took place in the 1990s between Kodiak Salmon Fishermen and Cook Inlet stakeholders.

You have before you a number of documents that supported Kodiak's position on this issue before and I believe they are equally relevant today. The Kodiak Salmon Fishery has a large impact on the overall economic health of the Kodiak Community, and the surrounding Native villages in the Kodiak Archipelago. The trickle-down effect of poor salmon years can be evidenced by this last year's poor pink salmon harvest, and any impingement on future salmon seasons, whether biological or regulatory could potentially have a drastic effect on Kodiak's economy.

Please consider this a letter of request for your continued monitoring and help with this issue. In anticipation of the Cook Inlet Board of Fish meeting happening in Anchorage next week we ask that you draft a letter supporting Kodiak area stakeholders in developing and implementing a strategy designed to defend Kodiak's historical and traditional salmon fishery. Furthermore, as the situation unfolds over the course of the upcoming weeks, we ask that you consider continuing support of the Kodiak Salmon fleet with whatever resources are available, regulatory, financial, legal and analytical through the use of your fisheries analyst.

Thank you very much for your time.

Nathan Rose