

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

Agenda Item: C1 2018 CHARTER MEASURES

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Waller comments**From :** Melvin Grove <mbgrove@mtaonline.net>

Thu, Dec 07, 2017 11:55 AM

Subject : Waller comments**To :** Grove Mel <mbgrove@mtaonline.net>

Hello To whom it may concern this is Mike Waller with Easy Freeze Inc. in Valdez Alaska we booked Charters and process sport caught seafood. we have been in business for the last 22 years helping folks in the fishing industry as well as 35 years in the tourism industry. I'm am writing to let you know that I am very much opposed to shutting the Charters down two days a week!

There are other methods or measures it could be taken that would do a lot more for helping out the biomass of halibut rather than shutting down the Charters for two days a week.

now there may be some areas in the state that only go out and catch five or 10 pound halibut. And for them catching 2, 5 to 10 lb halibut is better than one.

I believe that going out and catching just catching one halibut would be a lot better measure than going out and catching halibut five days a week and telling the tourist we don't want them to come to Alaska on Tuesdays and Wednesdays that hurts everybody not just the fishermen but the entire tourist industry anyway that's all I have to say

Will comment

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I'm currently home sick and unable to make it to the meeting. If you could read this to them on my behalf it would be greatly appreciated. As the owner of Valdez Saltwater Adventures I believe it's in the best interests of the 3A fishery to either maintain status quo or if a change is needed I believe going to a limit of 1 Halibut of any size is the best solution to decrease the harvest. This would minimize impact to the charter fishing fleet and support facilities in Valdez. Valdez is a fishing destination and relies heavily on the tourism created by the Halibut fishery. Changing the regulations beyond going to a limit of 1 Halibut of any size would significantly impact several businesses and the city of Valdez as a whole.

Laura Saxe

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From : Melvin Grove <mbgrove@mtaonline.net>
Subject : Laura Saxe
To : Grove Mel <mbgrove@mtaonline.net>

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Jeff and I are the owners of Eagles Rest RV Park in Valdez. The Charter industry in Valdez is very important to our economy and our business. We spend tens of thousands of dollars every year and have for 27 years advertising Valdez as a destination to visit and fish. By limiting the days that our guests can fish you are impacting our business and other businesses. It is hard enough not having fishing available one day a week as it is now. Please do not make it two days, or put more restriction on the charters available to our guests that visit Valdez. Very Respectfully Jeff and Laura Saxe

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Dave Willey, orion charters

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Thu, Dec 07, 2017 12:07 PM

New Multimedia Message

Hi Mel,

Thanks for your help to provide my thoughts here. In regard to reducing the charter halibut catch for the 2018 season i support reducing the daily catch limit from 2 fish to 1 fish. My reason for this is that targeting the baby halibut causes a much higher mortality rate which in turn reduces the overall halibut population. Targeting the baby halibut is bad for everybody. These halibut are our future stocks.
