

## E Comments and Tasking Public Comment – APRIL 2018

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### **Matt Upton**

US Seafoods

3/30/2018 1:11:18 PM

See attached.

Attachments: [US Seafoods staff tasking comment.pdf](#)

### **Larry Jarrett**

3/29/2018 1:57:50 PM

Over the past few months I have visited with many charter people, we all agree that the Halibut issue is out of hand and needs immediate action from the comm and NOAA- I think that the entire State of Alaska be the same and to heck with zones period make it one Halibut per day, I have changed my opinion on annual as most guests only fish for 3 to 4 days Here is what I am hearing and one is a very large boat rental Lodge ( 30 Boats) he is firm about state wide one halibut per day and no zones, I totally agree, this puts all of us on a fair playing field, will tourism be hurt?- absolutely not and will actually increase the dollars spent in Alaska by fishers- also The Halibut regs should apply to resident as will as the non-resident, If an Alaskan comes to any other state that I know of he gets the same limit and that state resident-- just a fair way if doing it- The Lodge owner had a lot to say about the subsistence fishery, this should be eliminated for Halibut, a resident Alaskan at one fish a day cannot eat all he would be allowed to catch- Also the by catch is here and a real problem that should be dealt with now and not study to death as the Halibut will only suffer more- We have watched over many years the King Salmon disaster and now the Halibut are in dire trouble- I send this as a concerned person who will not be in the Charter business much longer any way- Larry Jarrett

### **Hunter Berns**

Evening Star Fisheries

3/30/2018 12:14:17 PM

Attachments: [AI letter.pdf](#)

### **Nikita kuzmin**

Fisherman

3/17/2018 6:33:14 PM

Hi council members Im very concerned about draggers plowing our oceans destroying habitat spawning grounds killing small fish and eggs during fish spawns I hope some fish management will stand up and see what abuse these destroyers draggers of the sea doing to the oceans Fished for 40 years seen whats happening out here we fish one area we caught all sort of fish then destroyers draggers came in they dragged plowed the area around ten years now the place is a dead zone no fish we use to pull up gravel size rocks with corals 4 to 5 inches on them during spawning the coral be coverd with eggs now we dont pull coral there is no fish on the ledge destroyed My concern is they destroy spawning grounds killing small fish eggs disrupt spawning we long liners are shut down during winter months not to disrupt spawning halibut and blackcod them draggers are allowed to plow through the spawning grounds how long will it last not long to my knowledge We got a cut 80%them draggers got almost no cut 70% are corporate out state they dont care as long as they fill them pockets move on plowing through Alaska destroying in their path The draggers association kept saying we fish clean no habitat being destroyed well where is the fish 80% cut its not due to over catch it is due to destroyed habitat look what happened to east coast most of west coast now here in Alaska they are destroying they are fishing dirty if they be observed 101 % they be fishing 25% of what they are now the bycatch they destroy is twice they are allowed Please fish management do something before every thing be depleted in Alaska oceans They could catch most fish alot cleaner take little longer be good for Alaska economy but they wish not to plus they care less about the habitat Let them fish pots their boats are capable of fishing pots start by 25%cut with pots every year so they have enough time to convert to pot in 4 years no more dragging plowing destroy everything On science side 1 degree warmer killed all the fish is that a joke or political i been around Kodiak to PWS seen 10 to 15 degrees in water different no fish die i said 10 years ago if draggers wont be stopped plowing out there we won't have any fish that is what happened now Please give us a pie to fish Dutch harbor area so we have a job we are shut down them draggers still out there destroying our fish Most fish move up from Dutch harbor up the gulf coast into PWS now we seeing less n less fish move up here due to draggers killing everything in its path Why didnt the berring sea get 80% cut fish move from there up here in a cycle So sad to see few out state corporations will benefit but us Alaskans sit here grind our teeth while they destroy everything Hope some one will stand up do something good for Alaska stop out state corporations destroying the habitat we Alaskans call home Nikita kuzmin long time Alaska fisherman