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To salmonbycatcheis@noaa.gov

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Subject Salmon Bycatch EIS

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this as President of Uyak Natives Inc. An Alaska Native Corporation.

On the salmon bycatch issue I would hope that the cap on salmon bycatch be set at the lowest amount possible. Also it may help to close known salmon migrating areas to trawling.

It is not right to allow the trawlers to catch salmon while fishing for Pollock. or for that matter to let them trawl at all. Trawling is a indiscriminate way to fish. You are allowing people to rape the oceans for a little money. There must be a better way to catch the fish than trawling. Not only does it take away from subsistence fishing it also takes away the salmon for commercial salmon fishermen as well. I also believe it is the main reason the Sea Lion numbers are diminishing you are allowing there food to be taken for fish sticks. Alaska Natives have relied on salmon for hundreds if not thousands of years as a main food source and more recently as a way to make a living. Please put a stop to the raping of the oceans for the profit of a few corporations. It is not right and should be stopped or at least reduced to a more reasonable amount of harvest. Please help stop this nonsense, and do not let the amount of money involved influence your decisions on this matter. There must be a better way to do this type of fishing.

Thank You,
Gabriel W. McKilly
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Uyak Natives Inc.