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To; Mr. Robert Mecum,

I wish to publicly display my outright disgust that the by-catch of the many species of salmon in the Bering Sea trawl fisheries continues. It should remain closed until it can be proven that this style of fishing can be done in a manner that doesn't destroy the valuable resources that so many of Alaska's communities depend on. Moving from 120,000 king salmon down to 60,000 does not make this any less of a crime in my opinion. Towns in the YK Delta region are dying because of the Chum and King salmon destroyed by this fishery. S.E. Alaska's many small communities depend on trolling. Last year's allowable king salmon by-catch in the trawl industry was equal to the troll fisheries total allowable winter king salmon harvest. These fish are worth between 8.00 and 10.00 dollars a pound to Alaska's small towns, who's idea of management is this???

Just because the trawl industry is filled with major players ran by multi-million dollar conglomerations in an pursuit of endless wealth, does not give them the right to sacrifice the rights and needs of so many Alaskans. Please stop the needless waste and callous in diffrence being displayed for needs of Alaska's communities.

Thank you for your concideration,

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