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TODD BAILEY: Todd Bailey, 511 Kennedy Street, Juneau, 99801, and my last name is B-A-I-L-E-Y.

I work in the Tongass. I have a small business, a gillnet and crab direct marketing operation. I've landed over a million pounds of salmon and crab in the Juneau Borough, Haines, Sitka, Petersburg, and Wrangell.

And I support Alternative 1. Alaska has some of the best-managed fisheries in the world, and I owe my livelihood to this, and also to the resource and the lands that support it.

Dungeness and salmon require wildland. Salmon, in particular, is the only thing you can buy in the grocery store that requires wildland, so I think it's even better than organic stuff because it requires wildland.

So I spend a lot of time out driving around, looking for jumpers and crab buoys and stuff, and I see the business that goes on in the Tongass -- the whale watchers, the tourism. I see the cruise ships come by and, you know, all that stuff seems well, like fine things. They don't impact the Tongass that much.

Then you come across a logging operation, and it's just a hot mess. I mean, you can see, you know, where the alders have grown through the roads in these old clearcuts, and, you know, nothing is going to happen there for a hundred years. You know, they don't come through and thin things out. People don't hunt there. They don't even maintain trails in these areas.

A lot of the areas that are highlighted under Alternative 6 are really important to the Dungeness crab fisheries -- inside of Sullivan Island, Windy Bay, Port Hooten, the Snettisham peninsula, all of these places. And the crab are down there digging in the mud. And if that gets all sedimented in, or if they have got their log storage areas there, it's just not going to be good.

Earlier somebody testified about the importance of how marginal the habitat is for coho salmon, and I second that. It seems like, in particular, them and pink salmon will be affected by logging. The northern Southeast stocks of pinks is -- we were just talking about that it's on the verge of being listed as a stock of concern, so any more impact to that -- when it's a big pink salmon year here in Southeast, it's the largest biomass of wild salmon in the world. It can be bigger than the Bristol Bay run, so it's an amazing resource.

Some of the other areas -- Thistle Ledge I saw was in red on the map there. Sand Bay. Thistle Ledge has got to be a really important place if you're going anywhere between the Petersburg area and the Juneau area. If you were doing that in a canoe, that is where you would stop. It's an amazing spot. It's a big sandy pullout with a rock face that just keeps the heat right in front of it. There's also crab there. Point League, Point Sherman, all these places, it would be nice to keep catching fish and crab there. That's it.

Thank you.

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