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Good morning,

The below comment was recorded on November 23, 2019 at the REI Flagship Store in Seattle, WA as part of a community meeting regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule. Washington Wild was given permission by the individual to submit this comment to the United States Forest Service on their behalf. Please add their comment into the record.

Thank you.

Johnny Fishmonger Executive Director, Wild Salmon Nation

Okay. I'm not going to beat around the clear-cut. Just going to come out first to say, the no action is the way to go here. My name is Johnny Fishmonger. I'm the Executive Director of Wild Salmon Nation and most of our work is protecting wild salmonids up and down the West coast from the steel head runs that still run up little cricks in Ensenada, Mexico to our wild salmon that are strained up and around the corner into the Arctic and populating all the way to the McKenzie river in Northern Canada. When I was 18, I graduated high school in Ballard and the day I got out of high school, I got on a Norwegian crab boat and headed north up to Bristol Bay on the Bering sea to go tender salmon. Our first stop was Ketchikan, our second stop was Sitka. We tooled around Craig and around Prince of Wales and for a kid that grew up in Northwest and had seen all the clear cuts up and down East Lewis County everywhere, I was flabbergasted. I was like "oh my God, they're cutting the hell out of this. This is unbelievable." And you know, here I was in the land of dinosaurs: dinosaur trees, dinosaur cars formations, this ancient geology, and ancient forests. Frank Murkowski and Viking Lumber have never had to retool their plan because Frank Murkowski is not dead. Viking lumber exists because Frank is not dead because Frank Murkowski has a Senator in his pocket. Her name is Lisa. So besides Frank and Lisa and all that, we ran up against was the Southeast conference, which is the chamber of commerce for all of Southeast Alaska and supposed to represent all business in Southeast Alaska and small business and tourists and lumber and fishing and guides. But what do they spend all their time doing? Promoting cutting and mining. We need to replace the Southeast conference with the new progressive chamber of commerce in Southeast Alaska, that represents all of us that are looking forward and thinking progressively about Southeast Alaska. So if any of you are small business owners in Southeast, let's talk. There's a whole bunch of us thinking, we need to replace the Southeast chamber and then we will lead the re we need to replace a Lisa. So no action. That's the alternative.

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