

Steve Wilson: Good evening, my name is Steve Wilson. I am the secretary of the Coastal Trollers Association, one of the 2 professional organizations representing Washington salmon troll license holders. We have, for several years now, been active and involved in the fact-finding process. We appreciate very much the opportunity to provide input towards this process. We remind the agencies involved that – and we've been assured that – current data is just that. It is current data and it's not with the ability to look 10-20 years into the future. For example, we have in the trolling industry an area north of LaPush, Washington – between LaPush and Neah Bay, on the coast – that is called the mushroom closure. We trollers voluntarily negotiate that area to be closed to us so as to reduce – among other things – to reduce impacts on Puget Sound stocks of salmon of concern. In the future, that concern may evaporate and we will be fishing in that area. So, as one example, some of the information that is current is just that – it's current. It's not able to look into the future – as none of us can. But we, in conclusion, appreciate – both us and my friends in the Washington Trollers Association, the other professional organization – we appreciate the opportunity to provide input. Thank you.