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Comments:

As a SE AK commercial fisherman for the last 25 years, I know the health of salmon streams is of paramount importance to me and my community. Salmon fishing in Alaska is sustainable year after year. Clear-cutting forests like the Tongass obviously and historically destroys salmon habitat, weakening salmon runs that are important to commercial, sport and subsistence salmon harvesters alike. Tourism too relies on the unspoiled landscapes as well as healthy salmon fishing. Clear cutting is short-sighted, and benefits very few while causing lasting harm to the economic and cultural interests of the vast majority of Southeast Alaskans. I like most SE Alaskan fishermen resent those who would destroy salmon habitat and jeopardize our livelihoods.