RC 13

February 12, 2013

ADF&G, Board of Fisheries P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Re: Proposal 162 - Unalaska Bay Closure



To Whom it May Concern;

I support Proposal 162 to the Board of Fisheries, to close Unalaska Bay to trawl fishing.

I'm a lifelong resident of Unalaska for over 50 years and have commercial fished and subsistence fished and hunted here during this time as my family has done for many generations.

We've witnessed a huge decline in fish, seals, ducks in Unalaska Bay where my many relatives and neighbors gather our food for our tables. It is a very important part of our life that we need to protect. At the same time we see these big trawlers towing around us in our traditional areas we hunt and fish and then seeing the fishes washed up on the beaches.

We are having to go outside the bay in our small skiffs to find fish and game nowadays which is dangerous and burns up a lot of fuel too. A lot of times we can't even set our groundlines and other gear because we have lost it in the past few years since the trawlers have been coming up inside the bay and we don't want to risk getting run over by them.

We need to protect our rights to be able to continue to fish and hunt and hope you can support this proposal also.

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