

# RC 97

Mr. Chairman Board Members I am Roland Briggs a life long resident of Alaska and I have fished in the Bay for over 40 years. I am the Pilot Point rep on the LBBAC and speak for pilot point at this meeting I can assure that both the city council and the tribal council of Pilot Point support proposal 250 set net stacking. Our tribal administrator and mayor was not happy to hear someone speaking on their behalf and misrepresent there interests.

My under standing talking to the department is that the NPen is managed as a terminal fishery and it is also my understanding from the department that there are 2 different management strategies between BBay and NPen. The Npen management style has been explained as a disperse management style for lack of a scientific name.

This dispersed management style should be retired for terminal fisheries North of Cape Sinavin because as you can see from the charts this style of management Catches more non targeted stocks that are already fully utilized in other fisheries.

This Slide is 2006 catch of Target vs Non Target stocks in Ilnik sections

This management style has created possibly one of the dirtiest terminal fisheries in the State and is an embarrassment when it is compared to other terminally managed fisheries and their catch rate of non targeted stocks

This Slide is 2007 catch of Target vs Non Target stocks in Ilnik and OPH sections.

This dispersed management style has failed to produce consistent escapement results every meeting I hear the department say they need more time and area to control escapement yet they have been given more time and hundreds of square miles of area since the 80s and they still cannot control escapement on the systems. They seem to just catch more non target and fully utilized stocks. This management style may work in other places but it is not a good fit for this area.

This Slide is 2008 catch of Target vs. Non Target Stocks in Ilnik and OPH sections.

This management style is costing the fishermen of Ugashik over 2 million dollars a year and is costing the city of pilot point over 1/2 million dollars in lost tax revenue and leverage for grants each year.

Our city does not have another tax base as do others. The villages on the north side of the Peninsula are one horse fishing towns.

There are fishermen who monitor Cinder and take advantage of it when we see an opportunity to harvest fish which we have not seen in the last few years. Ugashik fishermen have fished Cinder successfully for many years.

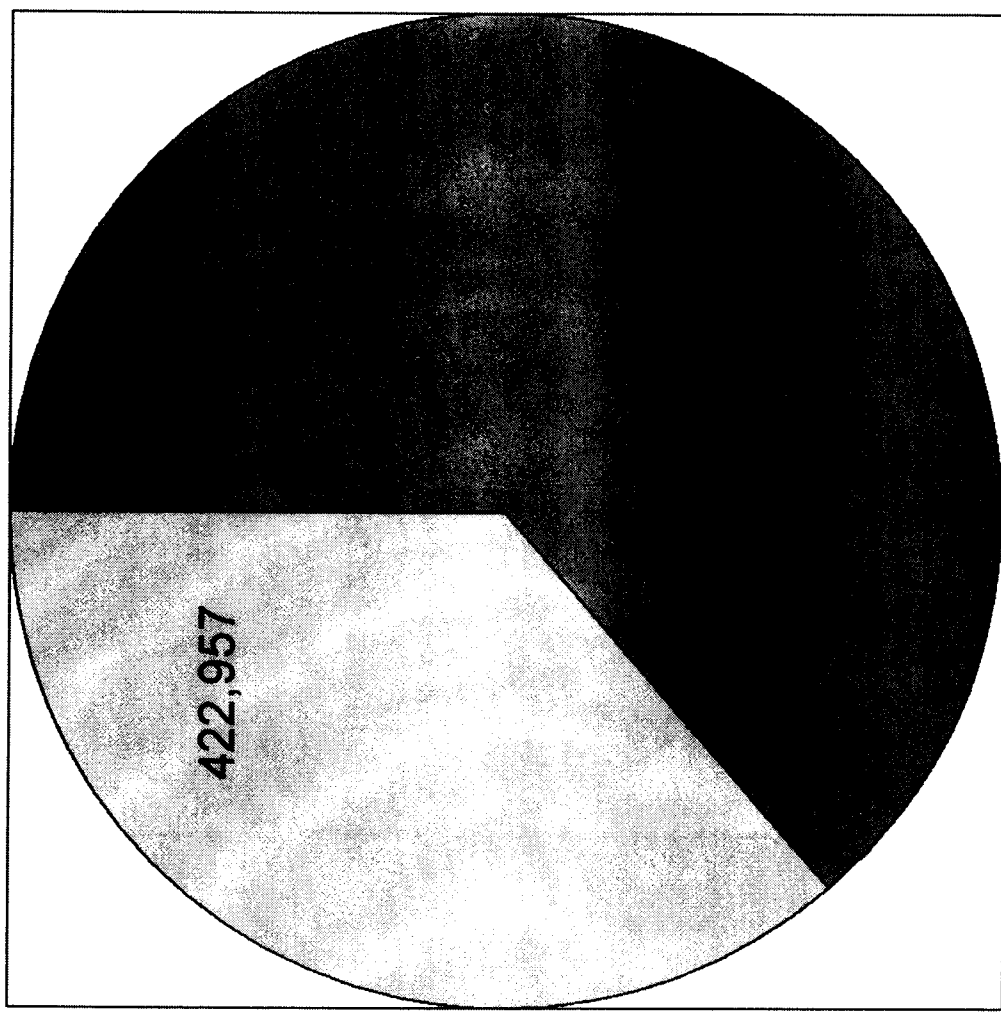
Given the WASSIP data I would support closing OPH and N. Ilnik and creating a new inner Port Heiden area which has limited area out side of the mouth of the lagoon. This would take care of the PTH Lost harvest.

In S. Ilnik and three hills I recommend compacted mandatory windows – that is the only way I can see it working. And for over escapement I recommend closing the weir and or reduce the area to bring the fleet closer to the mouth of the river. Close S Ilnik after July 1 as shown by WASSIP that the catch of Non Target Stocks increases further after this date.

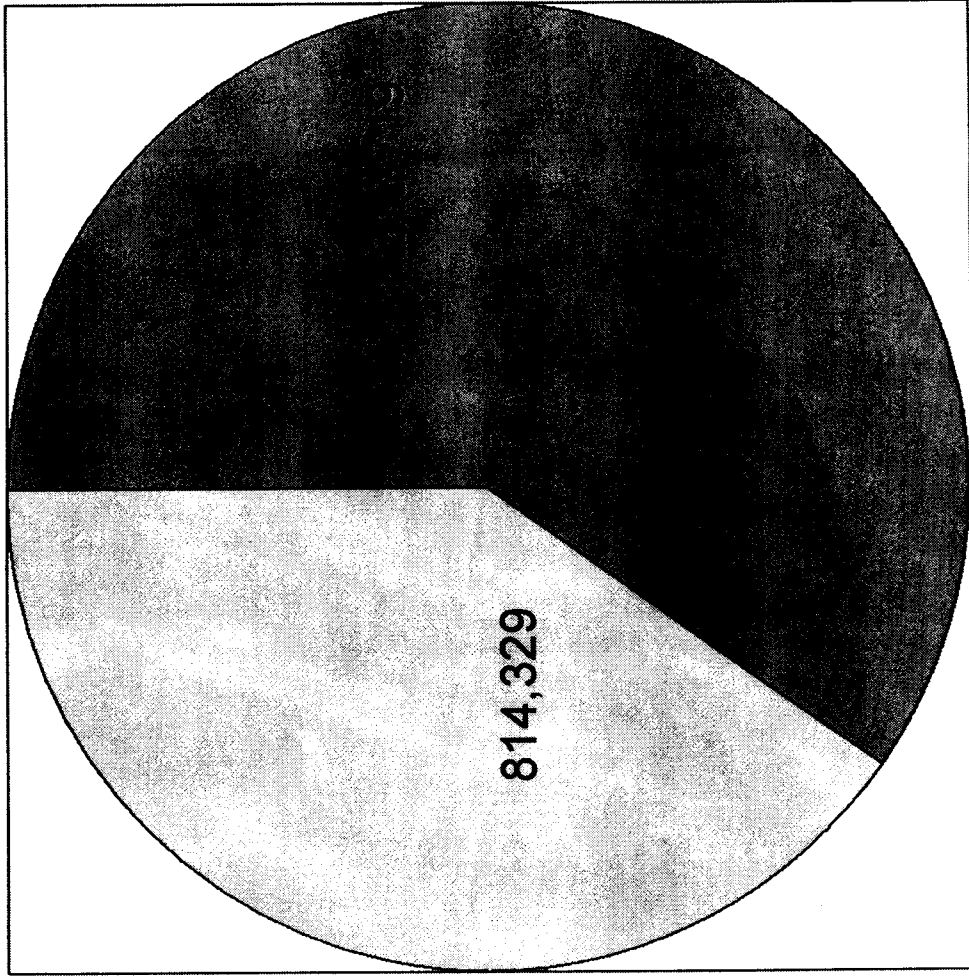
We need to look at a more permanent solution to this 30 yr problem. One of many is combining Area M and Area T and protecting smaller fisheries, like we protect Togak in the Bay.

In the testimony I have heard about heard about N pen processors who are worried about losing fish. With some wise planning there is no reason for them to lack fish if nothing else but because fish have been successfully tendered south from the Bay many times.

# 2006 catch Target vs Non Target stocks in S. Innik, N. Innik Catch



2007 catch of Non target vs Target stocks S. Ilnik, N.Ilnik OPH Catch



# 2008 Non Target stocks in . Ilnik, N.Ilnik OPH Catch

