

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Statewide Proposals  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, for the record my name is Frank Woods. I'm a 47 year old Bristol Bay Area T drift permit holder. I'm here to testify in behave of myself to proposal 243and 225. As someone who depends on living off of the resources in this beautiful state of ours I would like to add caution to this proposal. I have fished the Togiak sac roe herring fishery for 21 years.

11 years as a seiner and graduated to the last 9 as a gillnetter.

Proposal 243 adds herring as a forage fish

The current man agent plan calls for 20% exploitation rate if you think that has to be changed please come to our area and put it into a proposal and change it locally. The fishery with such a fully allocated and utilized stock appears to be healthy and returning in increasing numbers.

- Our biomass has been stable and even increasing and industry and markets depend on this stability. Take that away and it becomes an unknown
- Too drastic of a change to an already fragile market for Alaska and its current economic state.
- We have got it tuff enough in rural Alaska as more and more of the burden of proof has to lie with in the people have the most to loose in this arena then any one else in this room is the people that depend on the resources to sustain themselves

This proposal has the potential to provide less money to sustain our region and bottom line for most Local and Alaskan fisherman.

I support proposal 225 personally believe when you change a fishery that much you have to go back and fix the problems those changes bring.