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My name is Fred Beans, I was born and raised in Mountain Village, of the Wade Hampton District. I am a Commercial and Subsistence Fisherman, of the Y-2 District. I am in OPPOSITION of the following proposals;

Proposal 132   During Commercial openings, incidentally caught Kings should be sold, because the subsistence users have already reached their personal quota, with the help of give aways, from the Commercial fisherman.

Proposal 133   If we use smaller mesh, it will not be beneficial to the escapement of Kings, because they will get tangled, struggle, die, and fall off.

Proposal 134   Majority of the Kings swim in deeper and cooler waters, so there is no need to cut our nets again.

Proposal 135   Due to the fact that we sell the WHOLE fish, and the later runs are extremely water-marked.

Proposal 136   It won't be beneficial to the Lower River Villages, due to the fact that we live in the poorest region of the STATE.

Proposal 140   It won't benefit to any of the Subsistence user at all. It would be beneficial to us, when Commercial starts, we close 18 hours before and open 12 hours after. Throw out widows when Commercial Fishing starts!

Proposal 141   This will not work, because a Commercial Fisherman will be able to sell someone else's Subsistence caught fish.

Proposal 142   By doing so, ALL conservation measures will be thrown out.

Proposal 144   We've cut our nets too many times, and there is no reason to do so, due to the fact that Kings swim in deeper and cooler waters.

Proposal 145   Same reason as Proposal 144.

Proposal 146   Same reason as Proposal 133.

Proposal 149   We've got the catch calendars already in place, so why create another?

Proposal 152   By opening up that portion, ONLY those living in that particular area will benefit during FUTURE Commercial Fisheries, due to the fact that portion HAS the prime Quality of fish, before they enter the Yukon.

In conclusion, we, the People of the Lower Yukon, should not be dictated, by others of Alaska.