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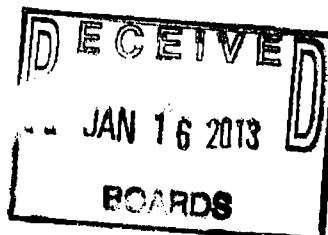
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Regarding: Alaska Peninsula Meeting, 26Feb

Proposal #250, dual set net permits allowed, Egegik and Ugashik,

Hello Board of Fish,

We are licensed Direct Marketers in Egegik District. We contract custom processing in Naknek and at Big Creek in Egegik, Bristol Bay. We sell frozen fresh vacuum packed sockeye fillet portions and smoked sockeye and coho fillet portions in several states. Our business is rapidly expanding. Please see our website: [www.popsiefishco.com](http://www.popsiefishco.com).

Our business is good for Alaska and the Bristol Bay region, promoting the economic development that we need in the Bristol Bay fishery. We are Alaska owned and operated. We are expanding to buying fish to supplement our catch.

As a family we own 3 set net permits and sites. Two of our permits are dual. We have strict standards for handling our fish. We buy fish from selected permit holders.

Our company success depends on early and late fish. We work closely with larger processors and we don't want to butt heads for the same fish, so we work the shoulder seasons for our own fish. We stay late for coho.

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The dual permit system for set netters has been a Godsend to us, we urge you to pass if for the Egegik District. This has allowed dual permit holder families to be able to afford to fish for us. It is just economically not feasible to fish one permit for 100 or 200 pounds a day in the shoulder season, but a dual permit holder can double the catch with the same equipment and crew.

We clearly have increased employment opportunities for local workers by being able to fish and process the shoulder seasons and for coho because dual permit

fishers have been able to stay fishing in the Bay. All of our fish have come from dual permit holders.

If the Board allows the sunset clause to end dual permits in Egegik, we worry it will ruin our growing little family business because our fishers won't be able to stay for half the catch.

We have been told that there is opposition to the dual permits because some say it will cause "outsiders" to buy up permits, raising the prices and taking permits from local residents. We do not agree. We know many dual permit holders in the Egegik District and work with most. We have not worked with any dual permit holder who bought any permit. All "Duals" we are acquainted with have become dual by transfers with families.

Thank you,



Gwen M. Neal, President

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