

Mr. Chairman, Board Members My name is Roland Briggs I am speaking in opposition to 375. I have been participating in the Ugashik Village setnet fishery since 1965. Since that time we have dealt with all sorts of proposals targeting this fishery from village residents in the late 60's proposal to closing the sites to this one now by the **Department to take away some of our fishing opportunity in an out of cycle meeting.**

It was my understanding that the regulation the BOF adopted in 2012 was not to restrict fishing opportunities but to allow for boat traffic to pass inside of 1000 ft; that was accomplished.

- See Figure 1 please note the navigation corridor for boat traffic, inside of 1000 ft.
- **I spoke with trooper Ball during the October meeting who was dispatched by trooper Quist during the fishing season to the village stat area. He was there over an opening and an additional tide.**
- **When ask if he saw any navigation issues He said he did not observe any navigation issues.**

It was not my intention to do anything against the board intentions but to maximize my fishing opportunity to feed my family.

I thought the Board wanted, Boats to be able to travel inside of 1000 ft past the nets. Thus the above configuration I fished in 2013. This corridor was only there when the fishing, was actually happening, when the fishery was closed there were only a buoy's there.

- The Google Earth pictures show the river is actually about 1900 ft wide I chose using the USS survey marks as reference line as I found it was the most accurate.

Figure 2

- Shows the actual water depth at about ½ book tide from this you can see the actual channel is about 300 to 400 ft off he EAST bank.
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Figure 3 shows the approx water depth at mean low water. At MLW there is still 3 to 4 ft of water at 1000ft.

With all the supposed problems this last year with navigation and how the nets were fished as talk about at the October meeting to get this ACR on the agenda the department has furnished no photographs to the public show the configuration or how it was a navigation issue one wonders the true intentions.

The original regulation as passed worked to allow for navigation inside of 1000 ft and did not limit fishing opportunity it maybe was not as convenient as some would like but it worked.

Figure 1 Set net Configuration 2013

Ugashik set net configuration in 2013 fishing season
Showing a navigation corridor just outside of 600ft and inside of 400 ft
For boat traffic. All lines are to scale

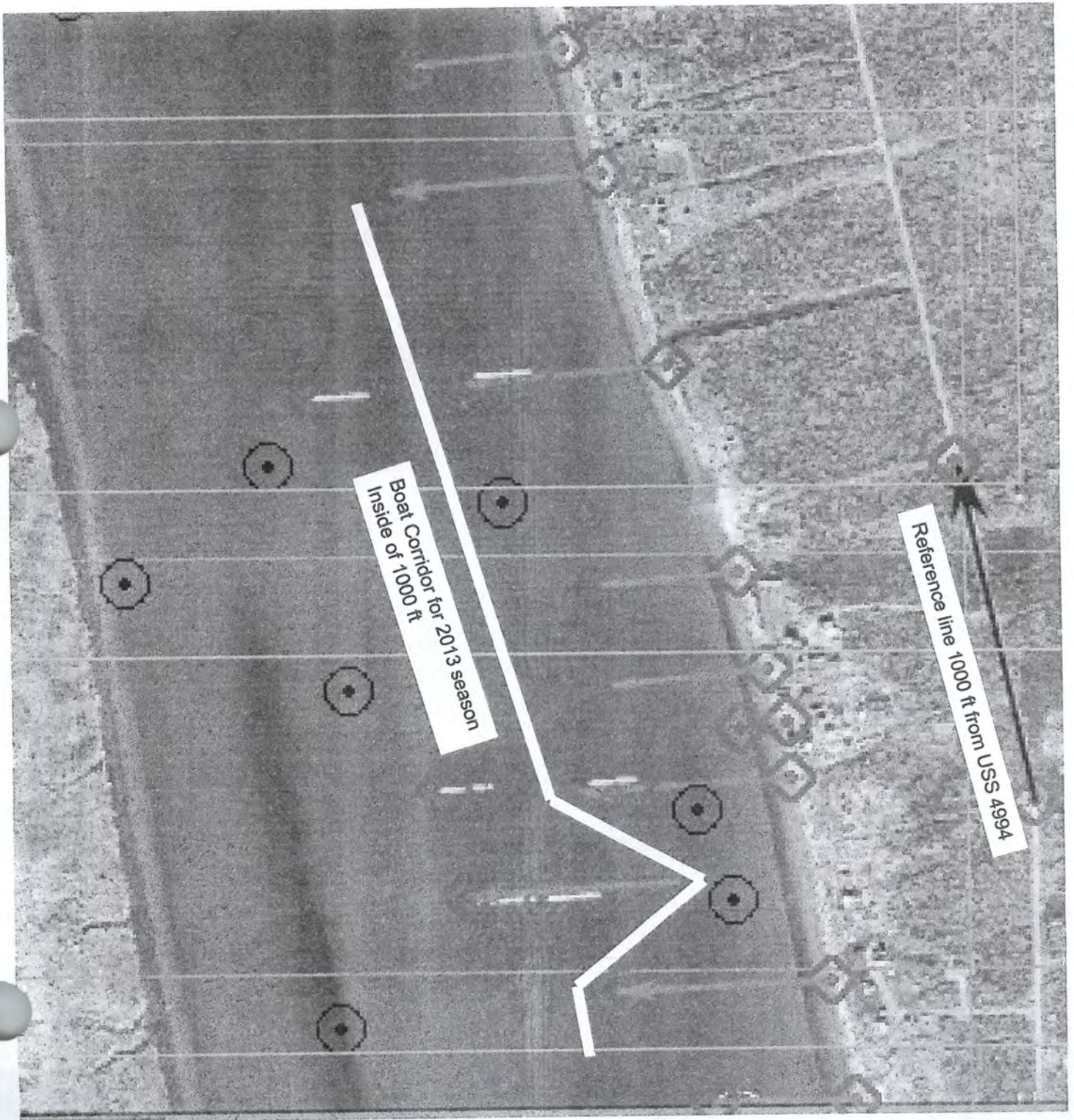


Figure 3 water depth at Mean Low Water

Depth taken on 11-3-2014 adjust to MEAN LOW WATER

Low tide 8:25 AM -0.9 ft

High tide 3:04 PM 19.5 ft

Water depth change from Mean low water to Mean High water is 12 ft at the village Of Ugashik
Shows the channel is along the EAST SHORE DEEP PART WITHIN 400 FT OF SHORE.

