

I am writing this short letter on behalf of myself and all friends that sport fish and subsistent fish in Unalaska Bay.

We rely on the fish whether from sport fishing or subsistent to feed are families I have done so for 24 years.

In the time we have been fishing I have noticed a large decline in halibut, crab and salmon fishing in the bay. The fact is we need to go out to the pass to gather Halibut something I never had to do about 10 years ago and trolling for King Salmon in the bay is almost gone if not gone.

It is appalling that commercial fishing has been allowed inside Unalaska Bay, not one of the boats doing this is owned by an Alaskan and is large enough to fish on the outside of the bay. This should not continue at some point someone trying to harvest food for their family going out further to find the fish might be subject to an unsafe situation or worse, please get commercial fishing out of the Bay.

Mich Daniel

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

To the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Regarding Proposal 194. As a local subsistence fish user, locals have found it increasingly harder to catch fish in Unalaska Bay. As a result of trawling in Unalaska bay, locals have had to travel further outside of the bay on small vessels increasing the risk of endangerment of personal assets including families and boats to catch halibut and coho salmon, as well as Pollock and cod. As locals we are in support of this proposal to keep our fishery here in Unalaska as our only renewable resource, and constant source of food. Also so as to support a well managed fishery in order for the next generation to benefit from our responsibility in this regard.

Thanks for your time,

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Eric Southworth

P.O. Box 920471

Dutch harbor, AK

99692

3/5/2016

*Summary of
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194*

March 5, 2016

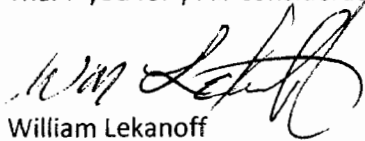
To: Alaska Board of Fisheries

Re: Proposal 194-5 AAC 28.650

To whom it may concern,

My name is William (Buzz) Lekanoff. I am 62 yrs old and a lifelong resident of Unalaska, AK. I'm writing to ask for your support of Proposal 194, concerning closing commercial fishing in the inside waters of Unalaska Bay. I and many other local residents have relied on the resources for food in the local area. It's time to stop the commercial fishers, most of whom don't live here, from wreaping the benefits of the resources so close to our home, only to take most of the money out of the community. Not to mention that most of the processing companies are owned by foreign companies. The bycatch issue has greatly diminished the amount of several types of fish that we can catch within these waters because fewer and fewer are making it back to their spawning grounds.

Thank you for your consideration,



William Lekanoff

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

Board of Fisheries

I have been a Dutch Harbor/Unalaska resident since 1988. I used to have a 16ft skiff and go out between Hog Island and Broad Bay to catch halibut. I once caught a 180lb there and the world record was caught not too far away. I have since sold my skiff and go along with friends who have bigger skiffs to catch our fish. The reason being is now we have to go out by Driftwood Bay or Beaver Inlet in hopes to catch halibut. We more times than not come back though with no fish and a bigger gas tank to fill up. When the subsistence halibut cards first came out I said I would never get one. I now have one as this is getting to be the only way we can catch a halibut. I just do not see why there is any type of commercial fishing being allowed near rural communities. The cost of groceries is so expensive the fish that we can catch really helps offset that cost.

Mark Shae
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Unalaska, AK 99685

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Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

TO: ALASKA BOARD OF Fisheries

I AM AND HAVE BEEN A SUBSISTANCE
USER IN UNALASKA FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS
I SUPPORT PROPOSAL 194 AS IT WILL
GET THE DRAGGERS OUT OF THE BAY.
WHICH WILL ALLOW SUBSISTANCE USERS
TO AVOID TRAVELING 50 TO 60 MILES
JUST TO GET FISH FOR OUR FAMILIES.

Barry Frederick

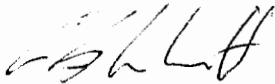
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Submitted by
Walter Telling
Proposal 194

Alaska Board of Fisheries

My name is Cody Lekanoff, I have lived in Unalaska since 1987. I am writing this letter in support of proposal 194. I believe it is important to close our local waters to commercial fishing. These boats are large enough to fish waters probably anywhere in the world and they feel it necessary to fish in our bays where locals are trying to fish to feed their families from their 18 foot skiffs. They have basically eliminated the chances for subsistence halibut fishing in our bay. Growing up hunting and fishing here, we have never had a skiff larger than 18' and always caught halibut within a 20 minute boat ride. I now own a 28' boat for some safety when I have to fish tens of miles away from town; which is more often than not. Maybe you guys can help the locals with this issue?

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Cody Lekanoff

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
proposal 194

March 2, 2016

ADF&G Board of Fisheries

RE: Proposal 194, Unalaska Bay Trawl Closure

To the Board of Fisheries;

I am a 29 year resident of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor with a wife and Son. For many years we have enjoyed a sport fishing/ subsistence way of life. This way of life is one that we've come to rely on as a big part of our yearly food supply. We have used a small skiff for our harvesting of the local and abundant seafood (Salmon, Halibut, Cod and King Crab). Over the recent past years we have noticed a severe decline in the amount of crab and fish that are appearing in our bay. In order to find new fishing grounds to continue this way of life, we will be forced to venture out into the Bering Sea in a small skiff where sudden high winds and seas present a very real danger to life and property. I feel it is time to put a stop to the commercial fishing in our local waters and allow them time to recover before it's too late. Please take into consideration, the families that have lived a subsistence life here for decades and would like to have the same experience to pass on to our children and our children's children.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Richard C. Adams

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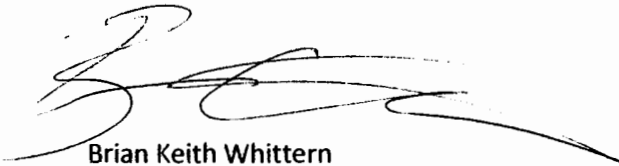
*Submitted by
Walter Tellman, Proposal 194*

March 5, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Brian Keith Whittern, am writing this letter in support of: PROPOSAL 194 – 5 AAC 28.650; closed waters in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area. As a lifelong, 43 year resident of Unalaska, AK; I have spent many years fishing in both small boat commercial fisheries and subsistence fisheries in Unalaska Bay. In recent years there has been a substantial decline in multiple species; including Halibut, Herring, and Baiardi Crab within the Unalaska Bay. My family has relied on the harvests from Unalaska Bay my entire life. If the numbers continue to decline, my family, and all the families of Unalaska, will continue to suffer from the loss, and will be required to travel farther from the bay to harvest resources for their families. There are many residence who do not have access to boats, leaving them unable to travel out of the bay and harvest their subsistence. These individuals rely heavily on the food supply of Unalaska Bay. Please protect these resources for future generations by voting in favor of Proposal 194.

Thank you,



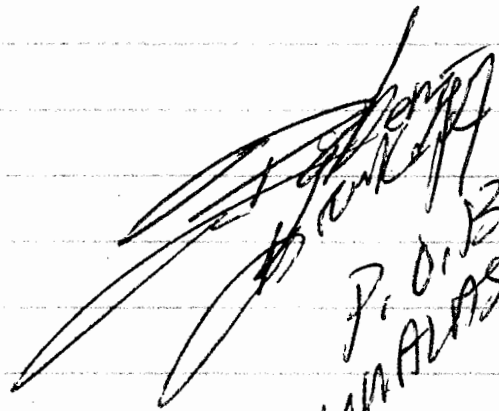
Brian Keith Whittern

TO THE AK BOARD OF FISHERIES

- PROPOSAL 194 -

ROBERT KRAWKOFF

THEY ARE ALL PUTTING OUR LIVES
AT RISK BY LETTING THESE TRAWLERS
COME IN SO CLOSE, WE NOW HAVE
TO FISH MILES AND MILES TO
CATCH OUR (FISH) MY FAMILY LIVED
HERE FOR 100 YRS AND MY
KIDS WILL REMAIN HERE, BUT
THEY WILL NOT HAVE WHAT WE
HAD, THIS NEEDS TO (STOP).
WE NEED TO KEEP THEM TRAWLERS
AT BAY AND NOT IN OUR
TOWNS WATERS, THEY ARE
KILLING EVERYTHING WE GREW UP
ON.


P.O. BOX 794
WASILLA, AK
99685

TO: AK BOARD OF FISH 030416

I, JOHN ENGLISHMAN, AM SUPPORTING
PROP 194. IT IS BECOMING
HARDER & HARDER TO CATCH FISH
CLOSE TO TOWN. HAVING TO TRAVEL
OUTSIDE THE BAY, IN SMALLER BOATS
IS DANGEROUS AND TIME CONSUMING.

IT IS HAVING AN EFFECT ON SPORTS
FISHING FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE
BOATS. IN AREAS SUCH AS SUMMERS BAY
WHERE PEOPLE CAN DRIVE TO THE
FISH, CHECK THE RETURNS ON SOCKEYE
& COHO, THE NUMBERS ARE HORRIBLE -
COHO ALMOST NON-EXISTING.

THANKS JOHN ENGLISHMAN
PO BOX 920233
DUTCH HARBOR, AK
99692

Submitted by
Walter Tellmach
Proposal 194

3-4-16

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

I AM IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 194. IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS I HAVE LIVED AND FISHED IN UNALASKA I NOTICED A MARKED DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FISH IN THE BAY. THE RESULT OF THIS DECREASE IS HAVING TO GO OUT OF THE BAY INTO OPEN OCEAN AND ROUGHER SEAS. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON ANYMORE, TO TRAVEL IN MY SKIFF FOR 45 MINUTES TO AN HOUR EACH WAY.

THANKS



THOMAS BELL

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

3/5/16

TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISH,

MY NAME IS DENNIS ROBINSON AND I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 194, I AM A 50 YEAR RESIDENT OF UNALASKA, A SUBSISTANCE USER AS WELL. I HAVE SUPPORTED ALL OF THE ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE UNALASKA BAY TO TRAWLING BECAUSE I SEE THE DIFFERENCE IT HAS MADE OVER THE YEARS IN THE RESIDENTS ABILITY TO CATCH FISH TO EAT, I HAVE BEEN HAVING TO GO FURTHER & FURTHER FROM THE BAY TO CATCH HALIBUT OR COD, SOME TIMES UP TO 60 MILES AWAY, THAT IS QUITE A RIDE IN A 20' SKIFF IN THE ALEUTIANS, PRETTY SCARY AT TIMES, PLEASE CLOSE THIS BAY BEFORE THERE IS A DEATH DUE TO SOMEONE TRYING CATCH FISH TO EAT.



P.O. BOX 504

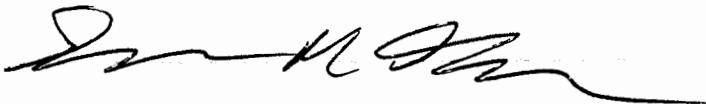
UNALASKA, ALASKA 99685

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

3/4/16

Dear Board of Fisheries,

I am writing this letter to voice my concern with the subsistence fishery in Unalaska, I have traveled as far as 60 nautical miles to harvest subsistence halibut. I believe it can be quite dangerous to travel that far in a 20 ft boat, however after several failed attempts to harvest halibut closer to town I had no choice, My family ~~eats~~ eats subsistence caught halibut, salmon, and crab year round to suplliment the high cost of living here in Dutch Harbor.

Shawn M Schomer


Submitted By
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

To: ALASKA Board of Fisheries

3/5/16

I have been a resident of Unalakleet Dutch Harbor for 10 years now, and have used my subsistence ~~quota~~ to fill my freezers with food. In the last 4 years I have had to venture further out in the Bering Sea with my family to catch my subsistence fish. It is becoming a real safety concern for me and my family to do this. All this stems from trolling in the Bay. There needs to be some rules set in place for these catcher boats, so that way me and my family will be able to catch the fish we need to survive, not to mention all the other local residents that rely on subsistence fishing.

Walter Tellman

Submitted by
Walter Tellman
Proposal 194

March 5 2016

To Alaska Board of Fisheries

I am writing this to express my support of Prop[#] 194.
I'm concerned that continued commercial Trawl
Use within Unalaska bay will Have Lasting
Negative Impact on Local Fish stocks. As a Result
it Makes Subsistence & sport Harvest More Difficult
and Dangerous.

Regards,
Travis Swengel

POB 920522
Dutch Harbor AK 99692

Feb 29, 2016

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Board of Fisheries

Re: Proposal 194, Unalaska Bay Trawl Closure

Dear Board of Fisheries-

I was born and raised in Unalaska, where I grew up living the traditional subsistence way of life. My father provided for all 12 of my siblings by hunting from both land and sea. Today, I continue to practice my livelihood and security by relying on the delivery by other hunters who also love the sea.

The Unalaska Native Fisherman's Association Board members have listened to me raise my concern in the past as well as to the community members today, of big trawlers taking away what subsistence is available from our local small boats in Unalaska. Without the rich and healthy food of halibut and salmon our People will not survive.

The large trawlers fish too close within the boundaries of Unalaska Island, leaving small boat operators in danger because of busy traffic and the reaping of our subsistence food occurring from their massive trawler nets. I plead to you to stop the Pollock Trawl Fishery in our bay as this will give the fish time to recover in order to be sustainable, but also to prevent catastrophic event of our People losing what we were raised on.

I ask for your support in keeping our food, our people, and community rich in the resources we have remaining and to let our ocean recover. I appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you.

Respectively,

Janice Krukoff
Unalaska Resident
(907) 350-0966

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Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Board of Fisheries

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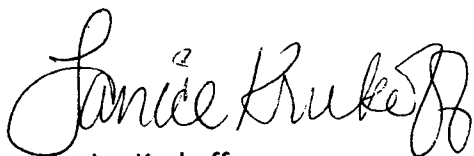
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