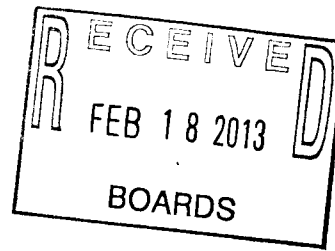


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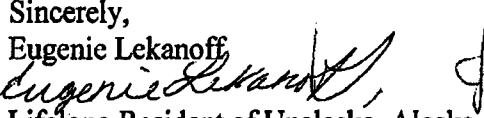
Re: Proposal 162 – Unalaska Bay Trawl Closure

To Whom It May Concern;

I support Proposal 162 to the Board of Fisheries, to close Unalaska Bay to trawl fishing. I'm a lifelong resident of Unalaska for over 60 years and have subsistence fished here during this time as my family has done for many generations. We've witnessed a tremendous decline in fish and game in Unalaska Bay where we gather fish and game for subsistence and our livelihoods. It is a very important part of our life that we need to protect. At the same time we see these big trawlers trawling around us in our traditional areas we hunt and fish and then seeing the dead fish floating and washed up on the beaches. We now have to go outside the bay in our small skiffs to find fish and game, which is dangerous and is expensive.

Everyone in our community supports this closure. Throughout the State of Alaska, many other communities have been given this protection around their communities and it is time for us to also. We need to protect our rights to be able to continue to fish and hunt and request you support this proposal.

Thank You,

Sincerely,  
Eugenie Lekanoff  
  
Lifelong Resident of Unalaska, Alaska.

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To: Alaska Board of FisheriesLetter of Support for  
Unalaska Natives Fishermen Assoc.

Prop. 162, to Close All of

Unalaska Bay To Trawl Fishing -

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