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I ask the powers that be, to look again at the law of allowing a person to hold more than one permit and keep it intact so I and my children can have a better future and further expand my business of commercial fishing by way of "Set Netting" in Bristol Bay.

My salmon are so on demand because of the proximity of my sites to the processor's control and the fact they are shiny, fresh and firm. I usually have two processors off my sites because they know they get the best salmon and then they in turn get a better price for their fish because my fish are so beautiful.

I can hardly run this operation in Bristol Bay at the cost of going out there for "one permit's" worth of income; it is in the second permit where I finally am able to make a small return. I have sons who are still young but soon they will run this operation on their own and even expand.

I was born on my fish camp property the day before Alaska became a state. I was raised a fisherman, each summer doing whatever was asked to the best of my ability. If dad said go pull the anchor or go tie the skiff off further out on the running line, I did. If dad said go bail the water out of the skiff or to go and help push it out, I did. We had eight sites back then; one for each member of the family, dad and mom fished using twenty five fathom lengths of net. The older kids were always helping out one way or another.

My oldest sister would take me out in the skiff drifting on days with nice weather; (few and far between) we would drift slowing up and down our side of the river. If it was windy (most often) we would set net on the beach for safety reasons. We only need a crew member's license and ADFG number on our skiff.

Well times change I've raised some children, all fisherman and each of them love it; and I have to say it was an "act of God" which appeared out of the blue that helped me take care of my sons financially for the last four years. It allowed me to hold more than one permit and by hiring three of my sons I've been able to help them not only culturally but also to go on to finish school.

- A. They would like to develop my property and the business so that it produces more income.
- B. With two permits I've been able to help three of my sons financially.

This not only supports me and my sons but gives more income to the borough via taxes and also gives the continued good reputation of Bristol Bay Salmon being the tastiest salmon in the world, but also continues to enrich the Alaskan tradition of "Commercial Fishing" being the number one employer in the State of Alaska.