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**Dunaway Comments BOF Area M 2013  
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**Proposal 250 - Opposed**

I am concerned about the process that brought 250 to this meeting when it is a Bristol Bay issue the Board had ample opportunity to address under proposals 44-55 in December. Reviving the issue at this time and in this manner, marginalizes timely public proposals, as well as the public who made the effort to participate in Naknek.

If the Board moves ahead on 250 I request they strictly limit their actions to the two districts as originally advertised.

**Outer Port Heiden and Ilnik Districts.**

**I support the recommendations of the village of Port Heiden. *Nelson Lagoon*  
In addition I recommend closure or drastically reduce boundaries closer to Meshik Bay.**

I object to ADFG describing the current OPH fishery as a "reopening" when prior to 2007, the district has been closed since Statehood except in 1986-1989 when harvests were miniscule (max of 2,227 sockeye 1989, FMR 12-51, page 31, Table 4 p 7).

WASSIP data shows interceptions of 65%-89.8% Bristol Bay sockeye in an area which but for 4 years was traditionally closed, (SP12-22, p82-83, Tables 56 57).

Therefore I consider the 2007 opening of OPH to be a new or expanded mixed stock fishery.

I believe it violates the Board Policy per 5AAC 39.220 (d). *in spirit if not letter*

As a biologist, I question ADFG's approach. It is not biologically sound to claim they are managing the Meshik escapement when only 26,000 (2007) to 44,000 (2008) of the target stock were taken while over 260,000 (08) to 282,000 (07) Bristol Bay fish were harvested incidentally? (SP12-24 Tables 58-59). I request the Board provide more restrictive fishing boundaries and to request ADFG to develop a more precise way to harvest Meshik fish while significantly reducing the large interception of other stocks. ADFG can do better.

Finally, as a member of the Bristol Bay RAC, several individuals of the Pt Heiden area have recently complained they are having trouble getting their subsistence fish. Had we heard about it before our February 12 meeting, you likely would have received a letter of concern from the BBRAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.