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Thank you Mr. Chair and members of the Board.

My name is Mariano Floresta and I was born in Dillingham and raised in Clarks Point.

Being the youngest of 6, I have had the privilege of learning and passing on the knowledge of commercial fishing to my family.

I oppose proposal 250. Since the allowance of set net permit stacking, we have seen set net operations established in areas where they have never been before. If a person with one set net permit purchases an additional permit, that person must find or buy another setnet site. This just adds to the problem of over-congested setnet sites in all rivers.

I am in favor of reorganizing the Area M fishery to reduce salmon by-catch. Over the years, we have seen a decline in our salmon run. I can remember in the past when our main salmon run would sometimes last several weeks. ADF&G in our area, is managing the escapements to the best of their ability, but we still see a decline in our salmon.

I am in favor for proposal 209 to use genetic data to establish terminal management areas for Meshik, Illnik, and Nelson Lagoon to help stop interception.

I appreciate you addressing our concerns and I am open to sit on any committee.

Thank you