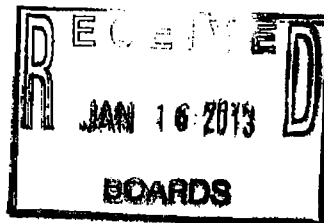


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Dear Board of Fish,

I am writing about the Alaska Peninsula Meeting, Feb. 26, 2013 and Proposal #250, dual set net permits allowed, Egegik and Ugashik.

I have been a set net permit holder in Bristol Bay for many years: SO4T 60302A. My children grew up fishing in the Bay, and now my grandchildren. I used my fishing earnings to finance (along with student loans) my education, graduated from law school in 2006, and now have a practice in Homer. I continue to fish Bristol Bay and run my practice from our fish camp.

With our children we have an organized family fishing business and have been very successfully direct marketing and are now adding buying and processing to our business.

The dual permit change was so good for our family. It allowed us to fish two permits early before most of us could get over to the Bay, and of course it is not financially feasible to have a bunch of us over there during scratch fishing. We have been staying late into Coho season and again it is so much better to have the dual permits so we can fish economically.

Our family has three permits. While we have never bought or sold, we have transferred dozens of times back and forth, and it is so inconvenient and costly. To become dual, we just used our own permits; we didn't buy anything. I am acquainted with perhaps all the dual holders in our area. I cannot name one who bought a permit to become dual. It has been a very good thing for family fishing units. I cannot think of any good argument against dual ownership for set netters in Egegik.

I feel very strongly about this. Dual permits have been a blessing for our family unit. Please support the proposal for dual permits in Egegik.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen M. Neal".

Gwen M. Neal