

Good (morning, afternoon) Mr. Chairman, members of the Board.

My name is Harry Wasilly. I have lived my whole life in Clarks Point on the Nushagak River for 59 years. I depend on fishing for 100% of my annual income and I am here to represent the City of Clarks Point .

I am here to talk about issues that would have a dramatic impact to our local fishermen participating in our salmon fishery.

We are in favor of Proposal 79. We would like to see separate openings for Drifters and Setnetters in the Wood River Special Harvest Area. Pulling the setnet anchors, lines, and bouys for gillnet opening would give gillnetters a better opportunity to fish closer to the beach where fish run. We wouldn't get tangled up in their gear.

We oppose Proposal 24. We do not want to see seining in our Bristol Bay Drift fishery. If Seining were allowed, this would impact drifters and setnetters because Seiners could catch too much fish. Bristol Bay has a long history of catching fish just using gillnets. For us it's just to expensive to convert our boats to go Seining.

We oppose proposal 35, extending the 32 foot limit. We would like to see that it is kept at the current length limit. We don't want it to change because we feel that 32 feet is big enough to put in a RSW system or if a person wants to use Slush Ice. Both ensure that we can produce a better grade A fish. Boats are expensive enough and we can't afford to buy bigger and more expensive boats.

We support Proposal 41. Disallow permit stacking in Bristol Bay cause it does impacts a drifter with one permit of using 150 fathoms. It should be either allowed t every drifter to use up to 200 fathoms.

more of when they started doing permit stacking was to help the Bay people who couldn't afford to up grade there boat towards, be it getting a good engine or a use one, cause 3 or 4 yrs ago the fish price was very low, now it's coming back up towards a dollar or more where a person can now afford to try get a use motor or a new one. like BREC - E DOME a MATCHES

grant where the local resident can apply for
help cause now i believe the fish price will
still come up for more than a dollar,