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My comments are in regards to Proposal 13. Proposal 13 or Proposal 14-RC #89 are the only two solutions to the problems addressed in testimony.

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The depletion of a shared resource by individuals acting independently and rationally according to each ones self-interest despite their understanding that depleting the common resource is contrary to their long term best interests. Locals have often times come up with solutions to the common problem themselves when commons is taken over by non-locals those solutions are often times ignored governmental regulation can limit the amount of common good available for use by any individual alternatively resource users themselves can cooperate to conserve the resource in the name of mutual benefit another solution is to convert common good into private property, such as a tribal conservation district, a separated management council or a national coalition.

This is relevant in that it may not be depletion of the entire biomass of herring, or the collapse of the population of herring may be still coming. The relevance lies in the extreme detriment to the ecosystem and its biodiversity locally in Togiak. Togiak's waters are a nursery to the marine populations of Bristol Bay. Our marine environment is reliant upon herring in all trophic levels. With this process we are engaged in, we need to come to agreement and compromise to come to a solution for the benefits of all user groups including the ecosystem.

Your diligence in recognizing the issues and adopting the most suitable solution or adequate compromise is in fact in the best interest of everyone.

Respectfully,



Jonathan Forsling