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NEW INFORMATION FOR PROPOSAL 14

These comments address the reasons for which the proposal was voted in opposition.

There has been spawn on kelp three out of the last six years, and I have and I can get overwhelming testimony from my community to attest to this. The fact that we have had spawn in those three years is largely due to the weather preventing the effort of harvesting the fish prior to spawning.

I apologize immensely for as to the failure of the State, I apologize for the claim being directed towards the ANS factor but do affirm that the State has not managed for the subsistence priority of the figures that have been derived, although those figures don't directly address the specific spawn on kelp. I would like to request reconsideration of Proposal 14 and assure the Board that a portion of the interviews for which I facilitated and participated in conducting did in fact include significant testimony as to the availability of spawn on kelp but contrasted the changes in all aspects of the environment from what it used to be to what is there now. In my testimony was a bit of this information stating that fifty miles of coastline in the past covered with spawn regardless of whether or not it was on kelp or on the substrates scientifically known to accommodate to in the past two years the reduction to fifty yards of availability. In those two years an estimated available harvest was 5000 pounds or five pounds for every man, woman and child that is sufficient for one, one gallon ziplock bag which is enough for us to have that food for our own personal birthdays . We traditionally share 75% of our harvest regardless of the quantity harvested. We share this harvest with others in our community members who can no longer harvest for themselves for many respectable factors, as well as others in our region that don't have direct access to the resource. RC 89 is asking for about five to ten days depending on all other factors to be closed to allow for our needs.

Please reconsider Proposal 14-RC89 and know that the compromise was developed with two commercial harvesters and additionally two members of the Nushagak AC board that are in fact commercial users, regardless of the fact have not have signed RC's supporting status quo RC's. Both Togiak and Nushagak AC's supported this proposal and its intention. My intentions on behalf of my village are for the right reasons and I have only used honorable methods in my pursuit.

I would like to say that each one of you was placed on this board not only because of your diligence with the parliamentary procedure and Roberts rule but because of the what you stand for your humanity.

Thank you very much for your time and possible reconsideration.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Forsling