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It's my pleasure to be here in front of you Mr. Chairman, as well as all the Board of Fish members and Fish & Game biologists!!!

My name is Fred Martushev.

I'm a Cook Inlet fisherman and also a boat builder in Homer, Alaska. I service the full fishing fleet, big boats and small boats.

I started fishing with my dad when I was 10 years old, that's been 30 years already.

When they corralled us in to this Allocation Corridor, what we found out is that there was nothing to catch. I know that for a fact that some people didn't even want to drop nets.

They went back to the Northern Enterprises Boat Yard and pulled their boats out of the water! Why? Because it is too expensive to keep your boat in the water with the net when you are not catching fish. It's a same thing as Shop owners are trying to keep the shop doors open with no customers when fisherman don't catch fish.

We want to get our full Inlet-wide openers and our lively hood back! We have children to feed and to teach how to maintain there future lives, NOT how to live without work.

So board of fish, I'm asking you please! Help out our children, do not leave them behind! And I'm asking you NOT only listen to us, but to try to understand.

Thank You for your time,
Fred Martushev

