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ADF&G Boards Support Section
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RE: ACR Proposal 275 -5AAC 06.350 Closed Waters
 Regarding the ADF&G NakNek-Kvichak Boundary Line (West Side Marker)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My name is Agostino E. Grossi, presently I hold a Set Net Lease ADL#221693 in Bristol Bay which I have retained for over two decades. Recently I discovered the Boundary Line was moved up river after viewing a plat map provided by DNR. The line being moved has negatively impacted my Set Net Lease hindering the ability to fish it legally, essentially leaving the leased tract outside the boundary line in CLOSED WATERS.

The site will not be legal to fish the 2015 sockeye season if it is not corrected timely and restored to it's historical position. The lease is current with DNR, I paid a six figure purchase price for this leased tract, and my site should be legal to fish. If this issue can not be corrected it will cause extreme hardship for me and my family. It will also affect the fisherman whom I contract and there families, resulting in less jobs. This was brought to the attention of the DNR Lease Team, Manger Ryan Hickel and specialist Christianna Colles with whom I discussed the issue via telephone and email. I was advised to contact the BBB Biologist for feedback, which I did. Acting on that advice I contacted Travis Ellison. It was further suggested by Mr. Ellison that I try to address the issue and provide comments during the March meetings along with the Armstrong's ACR Proposal 275. Due to the dynamics and unique circumstances which are basically out of my control. I feel it would not only be fair but beneficial if it were addressed prior to the regular agenda. Perhaps a resolution can be either made or a solution determined during Proposal 275 being heard this week. It does pertain to the same Boundary Line with similar issues opposite of the Graveyard Pt. marker. ADL#221693 is valid it has never been disputed nor have I had any issues about it being valid ever, there are no criminal violation(s) or any citations pending.

RESOLUTION:

I request the Board of Fisheries timely restore the West Side Marker back to it's historical position or move the line North far enough to make it legal. The boundary line runs directly over the lease tract as DNR states to me, placing portion(s) of it both South and North of the line. This change will remedy the problem and allow it to be fished legally with no further action required. The movement of the ADF&G District Boundary Line on the West Side of the NakNek-Kvichak River "does not" seem to be related to either landscape or water features the distance is minimal and it appears rather arbitrary. I appreciate all the Board Members and your time given to resolve this issue and others for fisherman. Thank You!!!

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I/We have all fished the set net sites on or near the beach of Graveyard Point since the early 1970's. We have all witnessed the long history associated with the beach front sites next to the marker, synonymous with the entire Armstrong Family. They are all iconic to the landscape and rich history of Graveyard Point. You can not help but take notice especially to (3) women who are sisters fishing every tide, where most would expect it to be a male dominated field. They are second generation fisherman or should I say "fisher women" fishing those beach sites. They could be seen year after year for decades with family and siblings actively present. My family and I have personally witnessed them all fishing these beach sites for as long as we can remember including Dick Armstrong (father) and Curt (son). Both of our families are in proud celebration of 3rd generation fisherman. If they were not allowed to fish these sites it would cause extreme hardship and it would be devastating for them, they are a local Dillingham Family.

The movement of the ADF&G District Boundary Line at Graveyard Pt. in the NakNek-Kvichak River does not seem to be related to either landscape or water features. The distance is minimal and it appears rather arbitrary.

X Agostino E. Grossi Date 3/17/15
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X Enrico Grossi Date 3/17/15
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