

Thank you Mr. Chairman. My name is Jimmy Christensen.

I have fished inner Port Heiden for the last 35 years commercially and for subsistence, and have run my own boat since I was 12. When i first started fishing there was just a hand full of boats on the outside fishing, and they did not affect our fishing that much then. Over the years more and more boats came up to Port Heiden as Area M permits were bought up by non-residents.

Local people had traditionally fished in front of their home villages along the peninsula instead of traveling up to Port Heiden. As the non-resident fleet grew, fishing got slower and slower to a point that now i have my fish shipped in from Chignik for my subsistence food .

That's been mostly in the last 3 years. I hope you can do something about this before things get worse. You need to limit the amount of fishing effort outside Port Heiden, or move that fleet back south of Port Heiden. The fishing effort needs to be reduced to compensate for the amount of boats that fish there now.

I hope you don't let it get any worse. These days you should see the old peoples' eyes light up when they get just one fish for dinner -- after being used to having lots all their lives.

Thank you for your time and god bless.