

My Name is John Christensen and I'm a commercial and subsistence fisherman from Port Heiden. I commercial fish in Ugashik and I do my subsistence fishing at home in Port Heiden.

When the Area M fishery is open at Port Heiden I have noticed a large decline in fish for subsistence. There has been a large decline of commercial fishing catch in the past few years since Area M has moved up towards Cinder River.

To make a long story short I would like it if Area M can be pushed back to behind Illnik. This would allow more fish to go into Port Heiden for our traditional subsistence of fish and it would also decrease the interception of Bristol Bay salmon.

I support proposal 201 because it would push Area M fisherman away from Port Heiden so we can continue subsistence fishing in Port Heiden.

I Support Proposal 204 to terminalize Port Heiden for Area T permits. This would allow the local people to be able to fish at home year round instead of switching to area M at the beginning of June.

I Support proposal 205 to create terminal harvest areas for the Area M fisherman.

Thank you for your time and I am able to serve on any committee you deem appropriate.