February 23, 2016

Board Members and staff,

I am Hattie Albecker. I am a resident of Ugashik Village. I started setnetting as a child with my parents and have continued to do so for the last 50+ years. Commercial salmon fishing is my livelihood. I also subsistence salmon fish as well.

I support proposal 155, which would close the Outer Port Heiden Section to commercial fishing and bring back the regulation prior to 2007.

Trying to make a living in my village is hard enough without waiting around for salmon that are bound for the district that never arrive, only to find out they have been caught in Outer Port Heiden by non-Bristol Bay permit holders.

Another point I would like to touch on is the lost tax revenue to the Lake and Peninsula Borough. Because the salmon caught in the Outer Port Heiden are being delivered out of the district, there is no tax being paid on the salmon harvested. The Lake and Peninsula Borough taxes help to support the schools within the borough. Our children—our future generation is losing out.

I also support proposals 22+23. Please let Bristol Bay bound-salmon be caught by Bristol Bay fishermen and benefit our future generations. Thank you.

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