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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

My name is Paul Hansen, an Area T Bristol Bay permit holder and drift fishermen. I represent myself, Naknek Native Village, and I am a BBEDC board member. Thank you for your time.

I **support proposal 155** to close down the Outer Port Heiden Section of the North Peninsula to commercial fishing. The science indicates an ever-increasing interception rate of salmon bound for Bristol Bay. Considering that the interception rate increases as you move closer to Bristol Bay, I am **opposed to proposal 149** to create a directed sockeye salmon fishery in Cinder River. This proposal would exclude the Area T salmon fishermen from participating in this fishery. History of Area T fishermen has utilized this area for years and it is not right exclude them from partaking in this fishery if opened. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Paul Hansen
Naknek, Alaska.

