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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

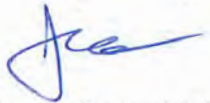
Hello, my name is Jimmy Coopchiak from Togiak the northern most district of Area T - Bristol Bay Fishery. I'm a lifelong resident of Togiak, and commercial fishermen.

I am commenting on **proposals 182 and 183** that seek to modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Area M wants to increase the amount of fishing time, and believe there needs to be some windows of time closed for commercial fishing to allow the salmon to migrate back to their natal streams in Bristol Bay and the AYK region.

Since 2007, our late run fishery in Togiak has been declining. The 2007/2009 WASSIP study indicate they have been catching Togiak bound fish. Percentage wise the numbers are small to area m fishermen because they could move from one area to another with the "rolling clousures". For me, in the Togiak District, we are limited on our transferability to other districts. Percentage wise, the amount of fish intercepted by Area M, has a huge impact on our small - late run fishery like in Togiak.

In closing, I support **proposal 155** to close down the Outer Port Heiden section of the Northern Peninsula to commercial salmon fishing because the majority of salmon they are harvesting are Bristol Bay bound.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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