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Thank you Mr. Chairman and board for the opportunity to testify on behalf of my village Togiak, I have been a fisherman for many years helping my parents and started fishing on my own in 1971 as a captain. I have seen many changes throughout the years such as fishing for King Salmon aka Chinook early in the season to no fishing for King Salmon aka Chinook and now we have seen less abundance of Chums in our river system, in the early years from the mouth of Togiak River to about 10 or 15 miles upriver there were a lot of chum carcasses beached to the gravel bars. Togiak is a small fishery and we are afraid that any intercept fishery can kill our river system and our economy. Therefore I am in opposition to proposal #155. In 2007 and 2008 harvest composition goes to say that there were Togiak bound fish that were intercepted. I support proposal # 159 to close the outer Port Heiden section of the Northern District to commercial salmon fishing. I support proposals 22 and 23 to change these areas from Area M to a Bristol Bay area. Thank you.