

Mary West

King Salmon

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My name is Mary West, I am a lifelong resident of Bristol Bay and setnetter in Ugashik's District. Commercial fishing is my main income.

I was born in to this fishery, my father was from Area M, my mother from Egegik. I was raised as an Egegik setnetter. Since then, I have fished both sides of the Naknek including the "special harvest area" because of "interception". I now fish in the Ugashik district and "stand down" because of "interception".

There are 3 proposals I feel need to be addressed immediately.

#22 I support Port Heiden's request to be included in the Bristol Bay districts. We share Health services, BBEDC is active in their community. Port Heiden's school district offices are in King Salmon. They are Bristol Bay residents.

#149 I oppose, please do not create a special harvest area for the Area M's drift fleet on or near any of Bristol Bay drainages.

#159 I oppose, mainly because it is opposite of what Port Heiden has requested. The entire Northern district outside Port Heiden is affecting shoreward subsistence users.

Historically, when my father fished Area M, the boundary would bounce between Stroganoff Point and Ilnik, that was before I was born.

Steve "Slim" Morstead once urged me to attend these meetings, saying "your user group is not represented" at these meetings. My response was that the meetings were going on before I was born and will continue after I die!

We have forensic science in the bay now. What this board and ADF&G does with it remains to be seen.

In closing....We have within our Bristol Bay Districts the old man and the sea, fishing alongside the young man with a GPS on his cell phone.

Please protect our Salmon stocks in this struggle.

To quote my father on his death bed. "If I only had 20 more years.....Just to Fish!

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