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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

I am a 3rd generation fishermen with over 50 years of experience within our fisheries. And, I am currently on the Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee. However, I am here representing myself as concerned Bristol Bay fishermen.

I oppose **proposal 159** to extend the boundary line from 1.5 miles to the 3 – mile boundary line of the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern Peninsula District. This area was closed in 2013 for the sake of conservation. And, if you refer to RC 27 it indicates that the interception rates increase as you move from the Bear River towards the Outer Port Heiden Section.

With Climate Change taking place world wide – these interception rates will probably increase. We have enough scientific data that proves that the Outer Port Heiden Section impacts our Bristol Bay Stocks.

Also, I am opposed to **proposal 182** that seeks to modify the South Unimak and Shumagin June Salmon Management Plan. I oppose moving the drift fleet to set net openings. This would have a negating effect on the set net fleet. It will also affect the Bristol Bay and AYK stocks. The history and impact on these migrating stocks is fairly clear. This proposal would eliminate the necessary windows to allow Bristol Bay stocks to return to their natal streams and rivers. And, with the changing weather patterns this could drastically alter the movement of fish stocks.

In light of Alaska's fiscal situation, which has resulted in cutting vital programs like certain count towers and aerial surveys. We must be mindful of increasing fishing efforts in areas that will increase harvest rates, and thus make it difficult to properly manage our resources. With that in mind, it further solidifies my position to oppose proposal 159 and 182.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Zimin".

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