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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Please consider the written comments in support of **proposal 155** to close the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District to commercial salmon fishing.

Thank You,

Dan Dunaway

2007 BOF MEETING **PROPOSAL 210**

- During the 2007 Area M meeting, the BOF deliberated on Proposal 210.
- According to Staff Comments, the intent of proposal 210 was unclear. ADF&G state: “... **The proposal is unclear and may be requesting that sections closed to commercial salmon fishing such as Outer Port Heiden and Caribou Flats sections be open to commercial salmon fishing from May through June 30 within one mile of the beach.**”

Good morning, my name is Dan Dunaway. I live in Dillingham and in my former career lived in Sand Point and Dutch Harbor as well.

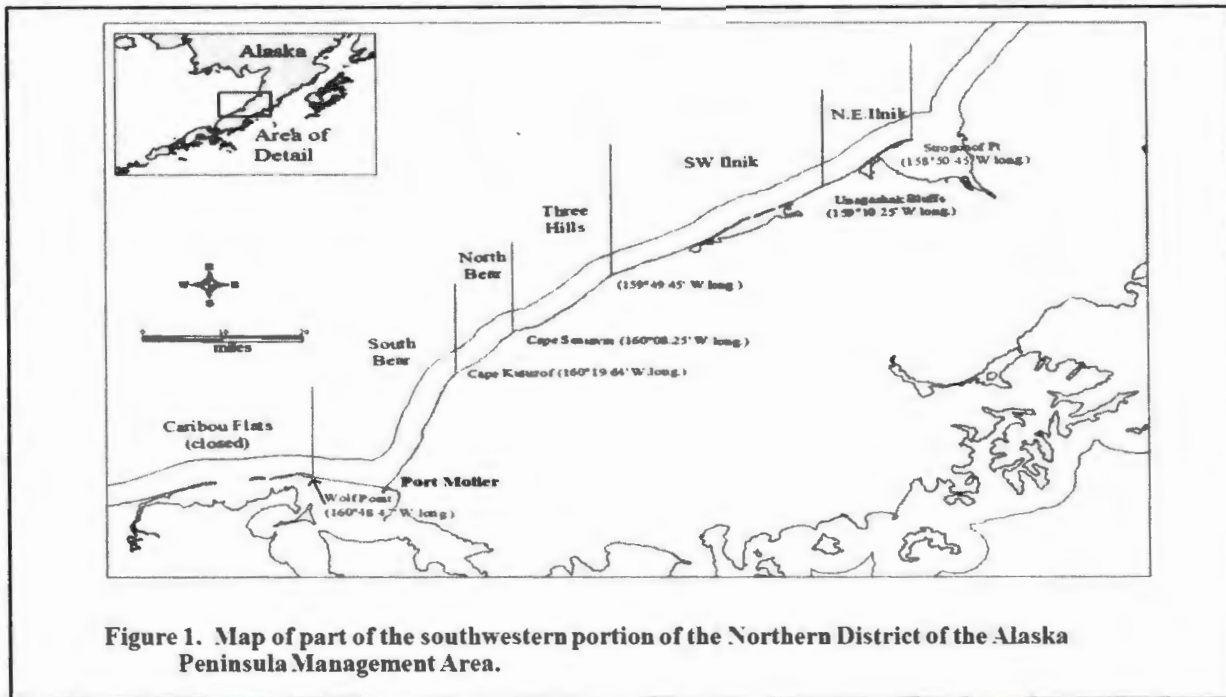
I will be speaking in support of Proposal 155, to close commercial fishing in the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District

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- I am certain the intent of the proposal was to bring in the boundary line for all Northern District Fishing Sections from 3 miles to 1 mile.

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- The 2007 ADF&G Staff comments, regarding this proposal, under BACKGROUND included “...*Past tagging, migration, and genetic studies indicate that Bristol Bay sockeye salmon are well offshore of North Peninsula fisheries...*”
- Based on the WASSIP GSI study, we now know the Department’s 2007 statement was incorrect.



- While Bristol Bay sockeye salmon may be offshore in the vicinity of Port Moller, according to the Port Moller test fish data,

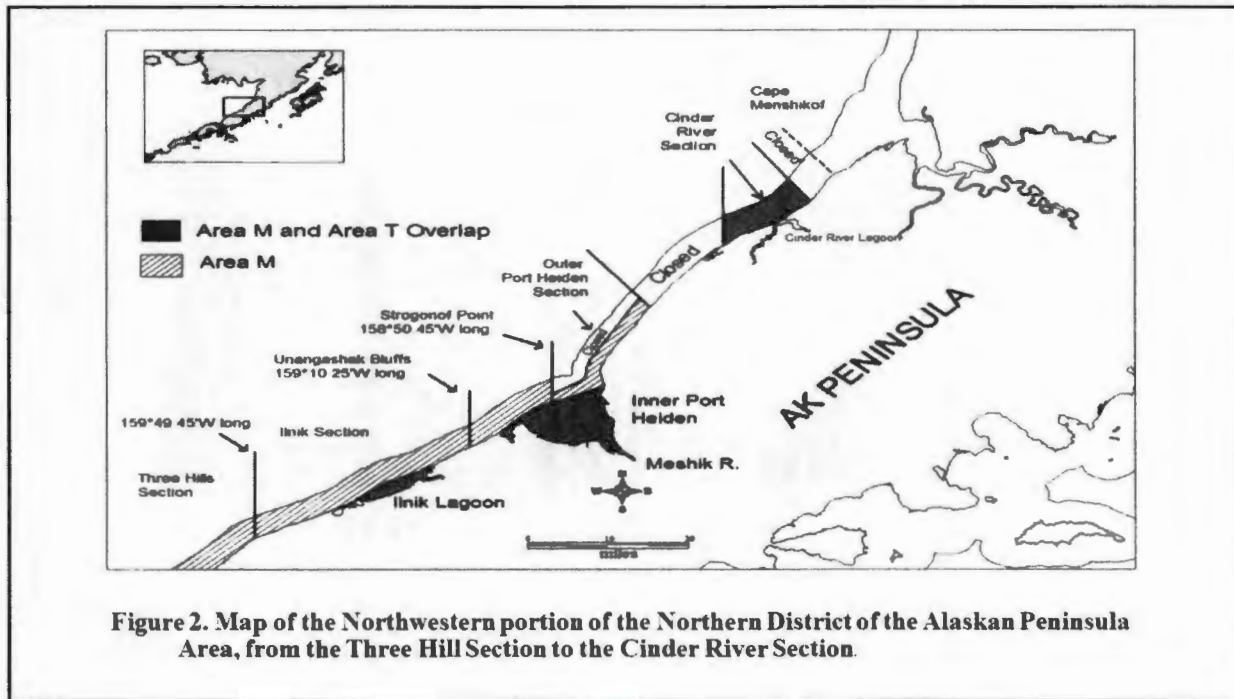
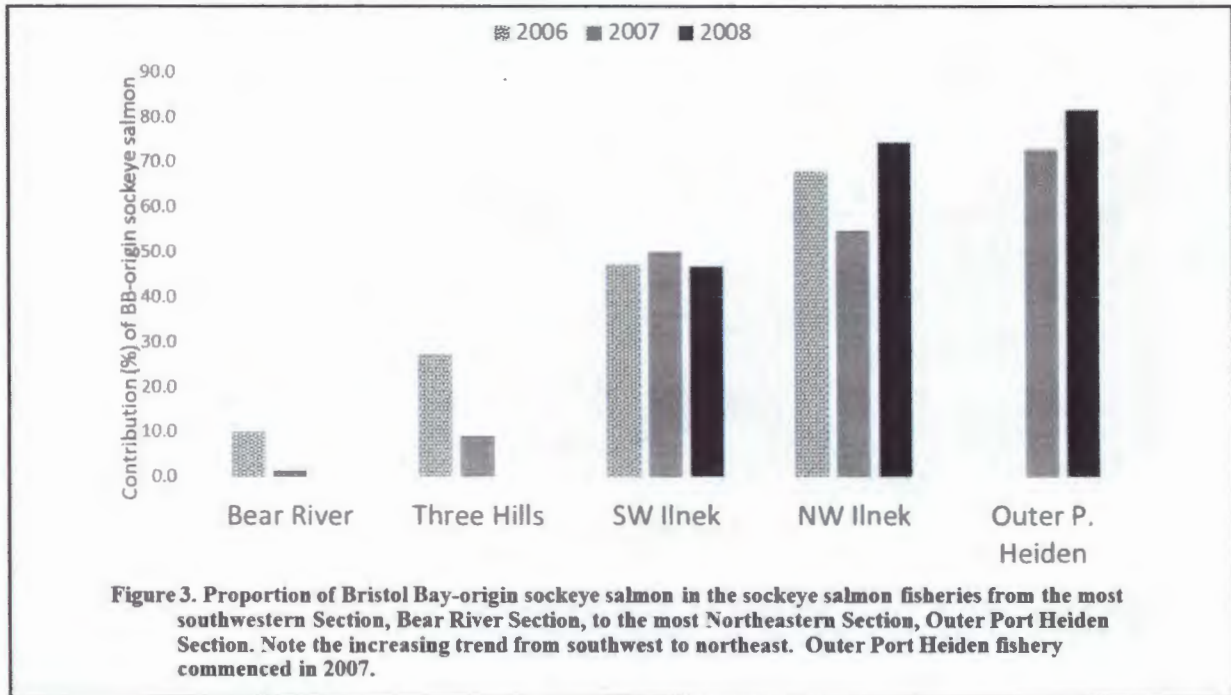


Figure 2. Map of the Northwestern portion of the Northern District of the Alaskan Peninsula Area, from the Three Hill Section to the Cinder River Section.

- the WASSIP study shows that the contribution of Bristol Bay-origin salmon to fishery harvests increases dramatically as fishery section harvests are located closer to Bristol Bay from SW to NE.



- This graph portrays the % contribution of Bristol Bay-origin salmon to the various Northern District Section fisheries from the most SW section, Bear River Section, to the most NE Section ,Outer Port Heiden.
- Note the obvious increasing trend of BB-origin salmon contributing to the Section fisheries from the Bear River Section to the Outer Port Heiden Section.

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- when the Outer Port Heiden Section was opened to commercial fishing in 2007, the composition of the catch was unknown.
- However, ADF&G staff said they believed that “*...Bristol Bay sockeye salmon are well offshore of North Peninsula fisheries.*”
- **This belief led the BOF to assume that the Outer Port Heiden fishery would be primarily fishing on local North Peninsula stocks, particularly, Meshik River salmon.**

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• **ADF&G STAFF:**

“...Bristol Bay sockeye salmon are well offshore of North Peninsula fisheries.”

- **Since genetics show this statement is obviously incorrect for the Outer Port Heiden salmon fishery, we ask the BOF to reconsider their decision made in 2007 and close this intercept fishery.**
- **Closure could be biologically responsible and consistent with Board Policy**

