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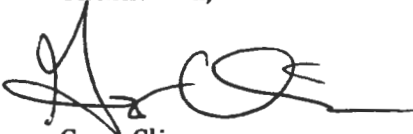
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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

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,



Gary Cline

**Policy For the Management of Mixed Stock  
Salmon Fisheries.**

- We ask the BOF to reevaluate the BOF decision in 2007 that opened the Outer Port Heiden fishery in light of the new GSI information contained in the WASSIP and Boatright et al. (2016) studies, as it pertains to **5 AAC 39.220, Policy for the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries.**

Good morning chairman Tom Kluberton and respective Alaska Board of Fisheries Members.

My name is Gary Cline and I will be speaking in support of Proposal 155.

## Policy For the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries

- *(d) Most wild Alaska salmon stocks are fully allocated to fisheries capable of harvesting available surpluses. Consequently, the board will restrict new or expanding mixed stock fisheries unless otherwise provided for by management plans or by application of the board's allocation criteria. Natural fluctuations in the abundance of stocks harvested in a fishery will not be the single factor that identifies a fishery as expanding or new.*

There has been information received that counters our argument that the opening of the Outer Port Heiden fishery by the BOF in 2007 was against the Policy for the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries because there is a Management Plan for this fishery.

## Northern District Salmon Management Plan 5 AAC 09.369

- We believe that the Northern District Salmon Management Plan, as it currently pertains to the Outer Port Heiden Section, is fatally flawed because the Outer Port Heiden Section fishery has had and has currently little to no basis on Meshik River salmon.

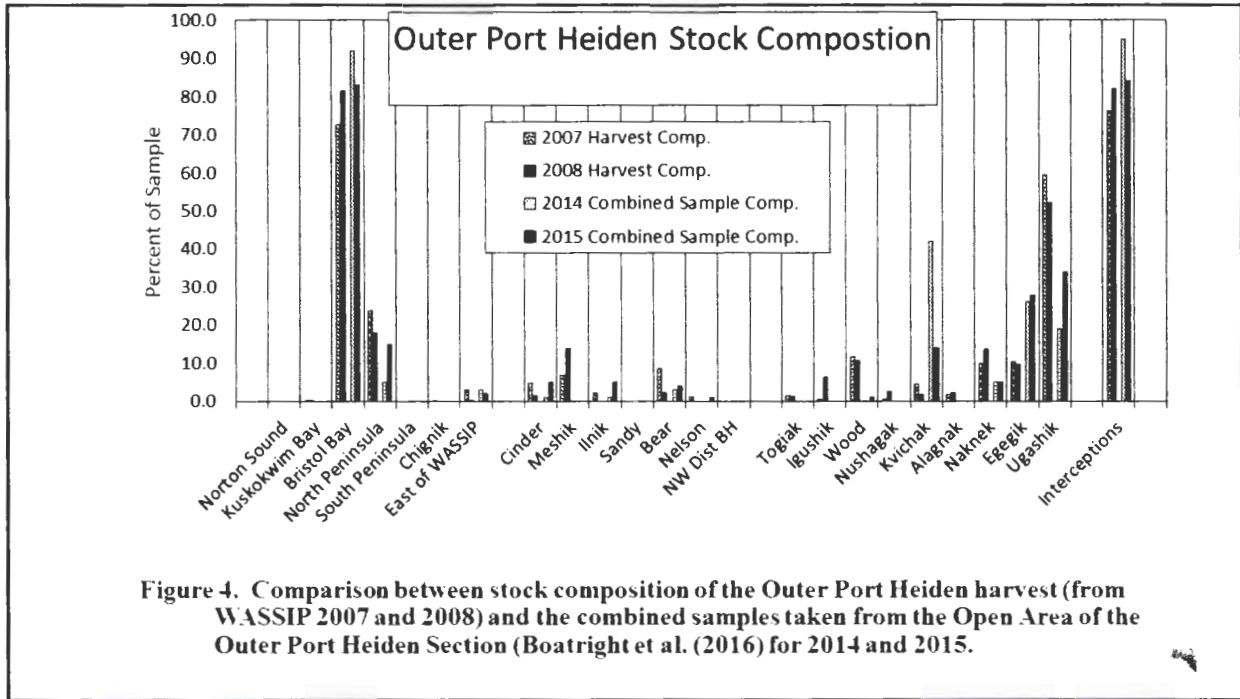
## **Policy For the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries**

- The Bristol Bay sockeye salmon stock was fully allocated in 2007 when the BOF created the Outer Port Heiden commercial fishery.
- The BOF opened the Outer Port Heiden commercial fishery based on incorrect information that the harvest would be primarily Meshik River salmon.
- We now know that the harvest and the fish available for harvest in this fishery is vastly dominated by Bristol Bay-origin salmon.
- Meshik River salmon accounted for only a small portion of the harvest in 2007 and 2008 (WA and were not available for harvest in 2014 and 2015)

Because the BOF were given incorrect information regarding availability of Bristol Bay-origin salmon to the Outer Port Heiden Section fishery by ADF&G, we contend that the BOF erred in opening this fishery in 2007.

This err has led to an increased interception of Bristol Bay-origin salmon over what the BOF in 2007 anticipated because of the incorrect information provided by ADF&G.

Note (read slide)



- Meshik River salmon accounted for only a small portion of the harvest in 2007 and 2008.

You've seen this graph before so I will not go into the details

