

RC 034

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Re: Committee on Coastal Erosion

Dear Board Members,

I am concerned with some of the starting points drafted by the BOF Committee on Coastal Erosion; specifically 4aiii-"the proposal indicates involvement of others."

- Many sites exist in this state in relative isolation.
- How many people would have to be affected?
- I feel this may be unnecessarily restrictive.

Of particular concern to me are 4aii that requires "the proposal identifies the historical use of the site." And 4vii "the proposal results in a historical fairness."

Currently DNR uses historical use of a site as a tiebreaker when more than one fisherman wants to lease the same site as well as the length of time an applicant has engaged in fishing. After the sites have been leased its use is questionable.

I come from a family with a long history of involvement in Bristol Bay, however I believe the State of Alaska should ensure all laws; regulations and remedies are applied and/or available to all fishermen on an equal basis regardless of historical use. Someone who is or has fished 40 years, 30 years, 20 years, 10 years, 5 years or 1 year should have the same set of rules apply in order to maintain an equal opportunity.

I agree with the other starting points.

Thank you for your consideration,

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