

Good morning,

My name is Michael Jackson, and I am a Bristol Bay Driftnet Fisherman.

I also serve as the current President of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBRSDA). In addition, I also serve as Chair of the Marketing Committee of the United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) and as a Salmon Committee member of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. (ASMI).

I mention my involvement with these associations to give perspective on how heavily involved I am in the Bristol Bay fishery on many, many levels. Bristol Bay has been much more than a way to make a living, Bristol Bay is where I have chosen to make a life.

While I do not live in Alaska, Alaska lives in me, and has since I arrived in Dutch Harbor broke, busted, and disgusted 42 years ago. I put in my time on the back deck of crabbers, longliners, seiners, as well as Gillnetters. I have owned and operated my own boats since my late 20's and raised two sons who also bought permits for the Bristol Bay driftnet fishery at the ripe old ages of 18 and 21.

Because of my past and current commitment to Bristol Bay, I am very concerned that the abrupt nature of the proposed action plan for the Nushugak Kings, it is not being given the due diligence it deserves. Due to the last-minute submission of this Action Plan, I know for myself that I was not able to change my schedule to attend in person and comment on the need to provide a robust review of the plan by all stakeholders as well as the Advisory Committee's and their input. In the past, I have found the BOF process to be followed precisely allowing public comment to be considered well before any decisions have been made. I do see this process being followed in this instance, and it is of great concern that the public allowed to review and comment on this proposed plan before it is considered.

I respectfully request that the Board delay action on the Nushugak King Action Plan and move it to the March Statewide BOF for consideration. Doing so would allow the rigorous BOF comment process to be in line with past proposals and would allow the due diligence required to fully vet this plan.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jackson

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