

Madame Chair and Honorable Board Members;

Thank you for your time and consideration of our Bristol Bay fisheries, I am Nanci Morris Lyon owner and operator of Bear Trail Lodge I am a 39 year representative of the commercial sport fishing user group in Bristol Bay and a full time resident of Bristol Bay. My lodge is also a fly out lodge that is located on the Naknek river. I have been an active member of the Nushagak King Salmon committee for the past 4 years and today I am here to speak on my own behalf. First I would like to address the Nushagak Mulchatna King Salmon Management plan, reflecting on the major change to the species itself by being identified as a stock of concern, I would urge you to consider allowing everyone a bit more time to develop meaningful and perhaps more beneficial changes. Though I am not in favor of a long term delay, because of all the nuances involved in the structuring of this plan, I see delaying action on this plan until March as a favorable decision. I am certain if allowed this reasonable amount of time, we, as a committee could come together and offer the Board some very reasonable changes that have been vetted across all user groups and make sense for the Nushagak kings. I am strongly in favor of proposal 13 to allow time certain passage for the kings. Proposal 17 intrigues me, but I am not fully supporting the idea due to the proposal being in place throughout the entire season and lack of consideration of weather issues that are beyond a lodges control and could force an operator to use the river for all guests. I do not support proposals 18 or 19. I would consider supporting proposal 22, but believe this is more of an enforcement issue and a social issue than a biologically driven issue. Proposals 24 and 25 are a great idea, but do not believe we could expect all anglers to be able to differentiate between male and female salmon 100% of the time. I would support proposal 27 but think it should be considered area wide, not just on the Naknek River. I am the author of proposal 28, but would like to respectfully reconsider it at this time. I was mis informed on the current usage in that area and this proposal would displace users, my intent was to further protect the kings spawning on the Nushagak, not displace established entities. I do not support proposal 30, while the idea is an admirable one, there are a number of considerations that are not addressed, it does not consider all of the youth anglers who do not have access to boats or

gear or all the anglers who do not have parents available to take them fishing. Being a long time resident in the area I know that there are a lot of families that still would not be able to participate if this were put in place. I think this opportunity would find success for ALL the area youth if the author put together a kids go fishing day and organize the lodges and operators in the area to donate a boat or two along with gear and guides or boat operators to get the kids out on the water. I would love to be the first to offer up a boat 4 times a year to make this happen. Thank you again for your time, I am available for questions and committee work and will be here through the duration of the meeting.

This concludes my testimony.