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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

My name is Gusty Wassily, Jr. I'm here representing myself. I'm 27 years old and a third generation drift fisherman from Clarks Point. I've been a subsistence, commercial fisherman since I was able to pick up a fish. This is my first time testifying before the Board of Fish, Thank you for this opportunity to talk about these important issues and proposals.

I support proposal 22-23 – The Boatright study in 2014- 2015 shows 93% of Bristol Bay stocks are intercepted by Area M fisherman. I am thankful for the study because it has given us true facts about the salmon stocks and where they originate from. I strongly feel Area T "Bristol Bay Stocks" should be controlled by Area T fisherman, not Area M. Bristol Bay fisherman should benefit from Bristol Bay stocks, not Area M.

I support proposal 24 – With the exception that three hills should not be part of the proposal because it doesn't compromise the harvest of Bristol Bay stock.

I support proposal 155 – To close the Outer Port Heiden section because of the interception of Bristol Bay stocks and not only affects Bristol Bay but other districts outside of Bristol Bay. The Wassip and Boatright study results concludes the Outer Port Heiden fishery is not meeting its original objectives established for this industry. So I think the Outer Port Heiden fishery should be closed. If nothing is done the Area M fisherman will continue to intercept Bristol Bay stocks. Please don't stray away from these important facts. So I believe if you want Bristol Bay stocks, buy a Bristol Bay permit.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this public.process. Quyana.

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