

My name is Craig Rysewyk. I live and setnet fish in Nelson Lagoon. I've fished since 1990. I oppose proposal 159 and 166. We are a small community that relies mostly on salmon fishing and have struggled over the years. Most of the people that fish there are small operations and have small boats with the exception of a few permits. Data shows that we are on the upward swing with the existing regulations in place, and in changing these back to the way things were before, I believe would be a move in the wrong direction. Even with the existing regulations in place on the north side, I catch a fair amount of net marked fish. The author of Proposal 159 expressed concerns about safety and being too close to the beach. Commercial fishing is dangerous no matter what you fish for or where you fish. Fishing is about knowing the weather and your limits. I believe Proposal 159 should not be passed due to so-called safety concerns. I oppose Proposal 166 because I feel it would bring more boats into the area when we already have more than we can handle. In closing, I believe that Proposals 159 and 166 would be bad for the small community of Nelson Lagoon and the people that live there year-round.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Rysewyk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being more prominent and the last name "Rysewyk" following in a similar style.