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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

I am a 3rd generation fishermen in the Naknek/Kvichak district. Most of my LIFE we have been rebuilding stocks through the 1960's through the 1990's. I have fished the Naknek special harvest area when the Kvichak River was closed due to poor escapement levels. And, I want to highlight the minimum escapement level for the Naknek River is 800,000 sockeye, which makes concerned of the total harvest in the Outer Port Heiden Section of 2015 that reached 867,350 sockeye. On any given year this could drastically impact our fishery.

In the 1960's, we received military rations from the government because of the bad commercial fishing seasons due to the low salmon returns to the Naknek/Kvichak Rivers. It was very much appreciated, however I'm concerned of the future generations to go through a similar experience. If you have questions of the past years, feel free to contact the department of fish and game.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Zimin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ralph Zimin