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Record Comment

Points of Concern

- 1 The Bristol Bay portion of the OPT harvest equals escapement; openings for terminal area fishermen i.e. Prop 22-24, 155, 159, 149
- 2 I feel conservation of spawning Salmon and local ~~tax~~ subsistence harvest must come first. Trying to establish a regular & steady escapement is too hard & too chancy to responsibly do so. Same propositions as point 1
- 3 Opening Cinder River ~~into~~ Area M would bring 2 different fishery management plans too close together. On low harvest years we in Ugashik are shut down for about half the regulatory season. We need more escapement badly to become a steady sustainable fishery, and to have any chance of breaking even on low water years.
- 4 The median average for set net sites in our area is 25,000 lbs. per site.
In 2013 my wife and I put in a combined 29,000 lbs. on 2 sites. We were standing down 11 of 25 regulatory days for escapement this does not include days we could not fish due to weather or days we were shut down due to drift allocation.
In 2014 we were shut down 22 of 38 regulatory days for escapement