

DECEMBER 1, 2015

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD;

MY NAME IS Nanci Morris Lyon, I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT AND A SPORT FISHING GUIDE IN BRISTOL BAY FOR 32 YEARS, I AM A SUBSISTENCE USER, I OWN AND OPERATE ALASKA SPORTSMAN'S BEAR TRAIL LODGE. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BOARD OF FISH PROCESS FOR 30 OF THOSE YEARS INCLUDING BEING A PARTICIPANT IN BOTH THE NUSHAGAK KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA RAINBOW TROUT MANAGEMENT PLAN. I AM HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARDS REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THEIR VICE CHAIR AND AS A SUBSISTENCE USER AND THEN SEPERATELY AS A COMMERCIAL SPORT FISHERMAN.

ON BEHALF OF THE BRISTOL BAY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN PROPOSALS YOU ARE DELIBERATING;

PROPOSAL 56 REFERENCEING THE ALAGNAK RIVER SOCKEYE FISHERY, THE COUNCIL TOOK NO ACTION BUT VERBAL COMMENTS WERE NOTED ON THE RECORD CONCERNING THE FACT THAT DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE FISHERY

- FISH MAY BE WATERMARKED AND THUS NOT MARKETABLE.

\* IT IS A HARD AREA TO COMMERCIAL FISH WITH LOTS OF SNAGS AND BOTTOM DEBRIS

\* KING SALMON HAVE A LATER RUN TIMING IN THE DRAINAGE THAN OTHER CHINOOK RUNS IN THE AREA

\* KINGS COULD BE HIGHLY SUSEPTABLE WHEN LOW WATER SITUATIONS OCCUR WHICH COULD ADVERSLY AFFECT THE POPULAITON

\* THE LOW WATER COULD ALSO LEAD TO CAPTURE OF ALL SPECIES PRESENT  
\* THE ENTIRE COUNCIL WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT IF THIS PROPOSAL WERE APPROVED IT SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH ALL CAUTION AND THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT RIVER FOR SUBSISTENCE USERS ESPECIALLY FOR LEVELOCK RESIDENTS FOR SILVERS.

PROPOSAL 57 TO MOVE THE KVICHAK LINE IN RIVER, AGAIN NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BUT THE ONLY COMMENT MADE WAS NO, THE LINE SHOULD BE LEFT WHERE IT CURRENTLY EXISTS.

PROPOSAL 75 TOGIAC KING AREA CLOSURE NO ACTION TAKEN, BUT THE RAC WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUBSISTENCE HARVEST OF KINGS IN THE LOWER RIVER. THE COUNCIL DID NOT SEE THE PROPOSAL AS BENEFICIAL TO SUBSISTENCE USERS AND ONE MEMBER FROM THE TOGIAC AREA COMMENTED THAT LAST SEASONS SUBSISTENCE HARVEST FOR KING SALMON WAS HALF OF NORMAL HISTORICAL HARVESTS.

PROPOSAL 79 TO ELIMINATE SUBSISTENCE FISHING SCHEDULE THIS WAS WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORTED . A LESS RESTRICTIVE SCHEDULE IS MUCH BETTER FOR SUBSITENCE USERS.

## PROPOSAL 83 – CHUMMING PROPOSAL

COUNCIL MEMBERS STATED THAT IS HAS BEEN A LONG TERM PRACTICE FOR FAMILIES TO FISH NEAR THEIR FISH CAMPS OR WHERE SUSISTENCE CAUGHT FISH ARE BEING CLEANED AND THE CARCASSES ARE BEING RETURNED TO THE WATER. THIS NEW REGULATION WAS ONE THE I HAPPEN TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE WORD SMITHING OF DURING THE LAST BOARD CYCLE AND IT BEGS FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I WAS NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH THE WORDING OF THE REGULATION AS IT WAS WRITTEN AND THIS IS AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE THAT WAS IDENTIFIED. THE INTENT OF THE REGULATION WAS NOT TO CHANGE CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL FISHING OR ALTER SUBSISTENCE LIFESTYLE, BUT TO STOP AN UNETHICAL PRACTICE THAT HAD BEEN OBSERVED AND USED IN THE SPORT FISHERY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. WHILE THE REGULATION SEEMS TO BE CURRENTLY STOPPING THIS PRACTICE IN THE SPORT FISHERY, IT IS ALSO DISRUPTING SUBSISTENCE IN AN UNINTENDED MANNER.

PROPOSAL 78 AT THE COUNCILS MEETING IN DILLINGHAM IN OCTOBER THE COUNCIL FORMED A COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY THE INTENT AND SCOPE OF THE PROPOSAL. THE COUNCIL INVITED BBEDC AND BBNA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE, TO OFFER UP REGULATORY LANGUAGE FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER. YOU HAVE THIS LANGUAGE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH RC        THE COUNCIL MOVED TO ADOPT THIS LANGUAGE AT THE RECCOMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO REQUESTED

THAT THE BOARD OF FISH CONSIDER LIMITING THE BEACH SEINES TO NO MORE THAN 25 FATHOMS.

AS A BRIEF HISTORY, THIS FISHERY WAS ACTUALLY CREATED WITH IN THE NATIONAL PARK BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS IN 1996 AS PART OF THE OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1996, WHICH AUTHORIZED A SPECIFIED TYPE OF TRADITIONAL FISHING IN KATMAI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE. THIS IS THE ONLY SUBSISTENCE FISHERY ALLOWED IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM FOR TRADITIONAL FISHING FOR RED FISH AND IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE PARK SYSTEM. THIS REQUIREMENT IS LIMITED TO KATMAI NATIONAL PARK BY SPECIAL REGULATION 36 CFR 13.66 (B)J. IT IS FURTHER RESTRICTED TO DIRECT DECENDENTS OF KATMAI ONLY. EXISTING FISHING REGULATIONS MUST CONFORM TO THE STATUTORY FISHING AUTHORIZATION OF THE ACT. UNDER THE KATMAI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE SPECIAL REGULATIONS, TRADITIONAL REDFISH FISHERY WILL BE SET BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AS POSTED IN THE ANNUAL SUBSISTENCE AND PERSONAL USE STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS BOOKLET. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS IN THE MAKING AND COUNTLESS HOURS HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN GETTING EVERYTHING IN ORDER WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE . THIS IS THE LAST STEP IN MAKING THIS REGULATION A REALITY FOR THIS AREA AND THIS EXTREMELY LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. THE ENTIRE BRISTOL BAY COUNCIL SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THE SAME. RCs HAVE BEEN SUBMITTEED EXPLAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FISHERY.



THIS CONCLUDES MY PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
BOARD. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO STOP FOR QUESTIONS OR CONTINUE ON TO MY  
PERSONAL TESTIMONY?

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