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Proposal Number 31:

Blue cards should be dropped beginning June 1st instead of later in June; gives an opportunity for local fishers to clearly know what to expect on the number of boats that will be competing for fish in their home districts;

Proposal Number 34:

The 48 hour waiting should not be reduced at all when registering for a new district; if a fisher want to move to a different district he/she should wait the required 48 hours. This should continue throughout the fishing season;

<u>Proposal Numbers 36 – 44: Registration Requirements</u>

None of the fishing districts should have any of their registration requirements changed; With the lack of financial support from the State of Alaska to enforce changes will create a chaotic fishery in Bristol Bay; If any registration requirements in the Districts are changed there should be an additional fee attached to the Permit fees to pay for enforcement to enforce the changes;

Proposal Numbers 51 – 53: Bristol Bay Drift Gillnet Permit Stacking

I am against permit stacking for drift gillnet fishing in Bristol Bay, and I am a drift gillnet fisher. I have fished the Egegik River for 52 years and have seen a lot of changes in the drift gillnet fishery. Especially the dual permits on one boat. These are primarily fishers who only fish the lines and when running from line to line they will see a fisher like me catching fish they will throw out their nets and cork me and call over all of their other boats to join the party in corking me. They monopolize the fishery taking away my ability to have equal access to the fishery.

Secondly, they lessen the quality of the fish per pound therefore lowering my price per pound.

They also have to have larger engines and bigger boats that in no way lessen the carbon foot print but increase it. They have to have the bigger engines to be able to manage their longer nets from drifting into other nets, setnetters and tenders.

Drift permit stacking is a very bad idea; by approving permit stacking it allows three things:

Monopolization of access to the fishery;

Leaves a bigger carbon footprint, and

Damages a good quality product by delivering a poor grade of fish.