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To Whom It May Concern:

Salmon fishing is very important to our community. Our families depend on summer salmon fishing for survival. We ask that the fishing of salmon bypassing Sandpoint be limited to allow Chignik Bay fishing to continue.

Firstly, we believe that salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities because Chignik residents will be forced to leave Chignik in order to support their families. For example, some of our parents had to leave this summer to go fishing in other places because fishing never opened here. This meant that we were not able to spend time with our parents this summer. Since our families depend so greatly on fishing, we will have to move to another place so that our parents can make money to support us. Since Chignik residents will be forced to leave Chignik in order to support their families, we believe salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities.

Next, we believe that salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities because Chignik residents depend on revenue from fishing for survival. Many of our families depend on fishing as our main source of money throughout the year. Not having those funds has affected us in many different ways. For instance, less money meant less opportunities to travel to different places this summer to experience different cultures. Another example, is that our families didn't have the money to get the things that they needed. One of our families needed to get a Honda, but we were not able to afford it without the money from fishing. Many of our families also depend on the money from fishing to pay our bills. Now without fishing, we fear we may not be able to afford our bills. Since Chignik residents depend on revenue from fishing for survival, we believe that salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities.

Last, we believe that salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities because Chignik residents depend on salmon fishing for subsistence and for continuing cultural experiences. Many of our families have fished for generations. Fishing is part of our culture and we love to learn more about it. Fishing has become a "family business" for many of us. We like to go fishing with our families and learn about our families' businesses by being on the boat. Our families bond while on fishing trips. We weren't able to do that this year because fishing was closed. We also depend on the fish that we get in the summer for subsistence throughout the winter. We did not catch enough fish this year to even survive the winter! Since Chignik residents depend on salmon fishing for subsistence and for continuing cultural experiences, we believe that salmon fishing should be limited for Sandpoint communities.

In conclusion, fishing is a very important part of our lives and has been for generations. We fear what could happen to our families and to our community if fishing doesn't get better. For these reasons, we ask that the fishing of salmon bypassing Sandpoint be limited to allow Chignik Bay fishing to continue.

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