Alaska Board of Fisheries

Public Comments

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Hello. My name is Fritz Sharp from the village of Twin Hills. My dad took me out fishing when I was 9 years old. I seen some good years, and bad years like everyone else involved in this fishery.

I oppose Proposal 143, the regulation that serves a specific purpose. The proposal of eliminating the regulation regarding immature salmon shows me that there is no concern of making sure immature, unmarketable salmon are not being seined. That end must not justify the means. There is no way of knowing where the immature fish is from.

I support Proposal 135. This would provide windows of no fishing in the June fishery to allow more fish to pass through the fishery. Back in 1988 Area M fishermen went on strike. They didn't fish for a week, if my memory serves me right. All I know is that Togiak Bay had its best red season ever. Once the reds started coming to Togiak Bay they never stopped. The Togiak Bay was open Monday through Friday, but that year it was open all week, Saturday and Sunday fishing too. I believe that the reason we had that good year was because of the strike. I also want to support the community of Chignik, and this proposal would benefit that community too.