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Good morning Gentlemen, Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members:

I'd like to start my testimony by thanking you for your recent visit and meeting that was held in Dillingham where you heard from many who live in Bristol Bay and you responded accordingly. Qu yana. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be heard today.

My name is Kay Andrews. I live in the community of Aleknagik located in Bristol Bay, just above Dillingham, and the gateway to the largest State Park in the Nation, Wood-Tikchik. I am a subsistence user in the areas of Lake Aleknagik including the upper lakes, Woodriver, Nushagak and Togiak Bays. I am married to a Bristol Bay commercial set net fisherman and have ten children and ten grandchildren. We commercial set net fish in Ekuk located in Nushagak Bay where my grandmother, mother, aunt's and uncle's fished. My grandfather retired from Columbia Ward Fisheries as a seaman's captain where he operated wooden scows and loaded and delivered salmon from set net sites and drift boats to the canneries in Ekuk and Naknek. My children and grandchildren participate in the subsistence and commercial Bristol Bay fishery today. In fact, I do not sell my king salmon catch while commercial fishing and instead freeze, can or hang for dry fish. Please also note that I serve my community as an alternate on the Nushagak AC, but am here representing myself.

I support proposals 135, 144 and 145. In supporting proposal 135, in short, it not only allows for the passage of AYK chum salmon, but provides windows for Bristol Bay salmon species as well. I support the testimony given by Jimmy Coopchiak of Togiak on this proposal as you heard the exploitation rate is much higher for their small fishery as presented in the WASSIP study for their personal and commercial use. Concerning proposals 144 and 145, these proposals would preserve sockeye salmon when the Bristol Bay preseason forecast is 30M salmon or less, while allowing harvest on local salmon stocks and minimize interception on Bristol Bay salmon.

I oppose proposal 143 as the test fishery is important to identify if immature salmon are present and regulate as needed.

Thank you for the important work you do for Alaska's best interest and those who live and strive to meet theirs. Qu yanaqvaa!