Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board.

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For the record, my name is Frank Woods, a Bristol Bay drift Permit holder. I've been fishing my own boat since 1983. Owned and operated my own boat since 1985. I've fished all Five districts in Bristol Bay. Participated in every fishery. Set gillnet, BB Drift, Togiak herring purse seiner for 12 yrs. Currently, I am a Togiak herring gillnetter. The Majority of my fishing career has been fishing in terminal stock fisheries. I have fished in the overlap Area T and Area M in the late 1980's and early 1990's this Area management plan changed in 2007. Mixed stock fishery policy has got to be addressed because current management has its hands tied.

I support 135,144 and 145. With a 2018 record sockeye return we in Bristol Bay went into Emergency order status for conservation of the Kvichak escapement. Starting on July 7th till July 14th with In river special harvest areas In River Naknek, Egegik Special 110 Line > Ugashik returns suffered, even with the record return in 2018. Conservation measures for time and area were imposed on Bristol Bay Fishers, even in years with abundant returns. Please refer to RC 51 for economic impacts concerning area 51.

Also, I submitted RC___ which shows that the Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden sections, combined have accounted for at least 48% of the total Northern District sockeye salmon harvest since 2006. During the WASSIP study years, 2006-2008, the proportion of the Northern District harvest averaged 61%. Recent combined harvest proportions for these two sections in 2016 and 2017 have been over 80% of the total harvest. This indicates that in these two years, the composition of the total harvest most likely include more Bristol Bay origin fish.

There is nothing wrong with doing the right thing. Numbers and science are on our side. Numbers don't lie, People do.

Undermanaged, unenforced mixed stock fishery that is clearly changed in the last 4 board cycles (needs peer review). At a minimum thresh holds need to be in place, not insignificant measures for Area M fishers. Paired and played by management to adjust fishing time for increased harvest instead of conservation concerns. An increase in time and area is detrimental to the terminal stock fisheries. Chignicks is a prime example. Economic disaster. If this can't be fixed through this Board of Fish process, I would hate to go through the legislative process to have this problem addressed.

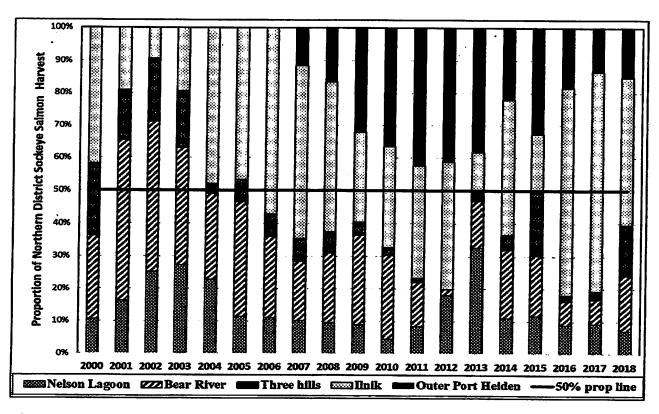


Figure 1. Proportion of the Northern District sockeye salmon harvest by section, Northern District, 200-2018