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**Supplemental information for PROPOSAL 94.**

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and members of the Board


I support Proposals 89, 90, as amended allowing the time to be set by ADF&G through Emergency Order authority, 93 as amended allowing ADF7G through Emergency Order authority, 94, 101-104.

Cultural story from Grandma Katherine.

Missionaries came. Took kids. Taught them that our people worship the devil with all our cultural stuff.

Well, missionaries didn't keep the kids forever, eventually the kids returned home. Told their families what they were taught. Their minds intermingled with old and new ideas.

Elders and parents told those kids, slamyua or llamyua (who is that? He's the Yupik work for Our Creator a.k.a. God). Our ancestors whole lives were about thanking God not only on thanksgiving, but also asking God for stuff and about stuff.




You know, many cultural traditions were lost due to many emotional wrong doings. Please, don't let us lose this value too, the Feast of the Returning of King Salmon. Thanking God for allowing the King's back into our lives yet another year.

I want to inform the Board about the sacrifices that the Lower Yukon subsistence fisher's have made. We take only what we need. My grandma Katherine told us to never take more than you need. I remember the first king would be caught and we'd have a big family dinner, even though it was 1 fish, it fed 25-30 and even with leftovers the next day.

You see? They wouldn't go out and get a lot, they'd just go out to get one, The First King. I asked numerous families of what they take. They told me that they take about 10 fish for an extended family or 5 households for the whole winter, these fish average 6-12 lbs each.

When we can't fish it is like getting fired. Life changes if you fish or cut fish. Life changes upon our fish regulations.

My whole world. My whole little world. What I saw was what I knew. Rules and regulations; thought it was the same Yukon wide. Doors opened, vision got wider. See more but see less, see less but see more. Headaches of realization. Amounts of king taken and how it's different for each district along the Yukon. How each district has different uses for the salmon king and chum.



ADF&G "targets" openings. They play darts and try to get a bullseye... they try. If the bullseye hits, people get what they wants and they're done, if they miss- people think why do they always set a time for after the run? Or people have to go fish again, for some, it's their only chance because unfortunately, that's all they have and are able to get for a few more weeks maybe.