

Mr. Chairman & fellow Board Members,

My name is Betty Gardiner. I've been subsistence fishing since I was young, & grew up with the subsistence lifestyle. Now I subsistence fish for my own family.

I am in support of proposal 18 with ammendments to include the area around Clarks Point. If this passes and is going to be allowed at the upper portion of the Nushagak bay, why not the lower portion near Clarks Point. I would say at least 70 percent of our village subsistence fishes every year.

I am also in support of proposal 19 with ammendments to include the vacinity of Clarks Point as well. Currently, we are prohibited from using dip net to harvest subsistence fish. If this proposal passes, please include the vicinity of Clarks Point.

I oppose proposal 20. I have concerns of commercial drift fishermen taking their large vessels to the Lewis Point area & harvesting fish before they reach the counting towers are up and running. Also, the lack of enforcement by ADF&G during the subsistence King season along the areas of Lewis Point & the Wood River directly impacts the escapement counts. If this proposal were to pass, it would further inhibit ADF&G's ability to calculate escapement levels.

In addition, I am opposed to proposals 24, 25, 26, 27, & 30. If fishers who own two Bristol Bay permits are allowed to operate an extra 50 fathoms of gear, it will take away from current permit holders who depend on the D configuration for their livelihood. especially those who don't own a boat. Also, this will increase the price of permits and increase the barrier of entry for new, young fishers. If proposal 30 passes, and vessel length were to increase, most local bristol bay fishers would not be able to afford a new, bigger fishing vessel. This would create disparity between resident and non-resident fishers.

Thank you for coming out to Bristol Bay and allowing me this opportunity to testify.


Betty Gardiner