

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

I support **proposal 30** with AMENDMENTS to increase the vessel size to 36 feet, instead of 42 feet as currently proposed. I spoke with Wegley and Kvichak, who are boat builders, about the possibility of modifying our 32-foot gillnetters and they said it could be done without changing any rudders or shaft lengths. But, 36 feet is the maximum that our vessels could be modified without any major changes to the hull. Therefore, I support increasing the vessel size length, but only up to 36 feet in length. This would not create an additional financial burden. Whereas, increasing the vessel size length to 42 feet would require significant modifications, or require purchasing a new vessel that could cost over \$450,000 - \$750,000.

Furthermore, considering that several seafood-processing companies are requiring fishers to chill their catch with RSW units or slush ice, we are loosing our carrying capacity as we strive to chill our fish. In essence, we'll have larger fish holds that would prevent the bruising of salmon from being compressed in our 32-foot boats. This would raise the quality of salmon being delivered and value of the Fishery, which would be beneficial for economy of the State of Alaska.

I oppose **proposals 41, 42, and 43** to reduce commercial fishing time in the Nushagak District. The burden to conserve king salmon does not just fall on the shoulders of the sport fishers, as we often have to wait to start commercial fishing until certain king levels are met. Moreover, we no longer have a directed commercial king salmon fishery, which was essential to my livelihood.

In addition, as a past Togiak Herring Seiner/Spotter, with the hopes to fish for herring again in the near future, I oppose **proposal 45** to reallocate Togiak Herring to the Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery.

Lastly, I support **proposal 46** with the MODIFICATIONS that the Nushagak Advisory Committee adopted with a 3-year sunset clause. I firmly believe that if the Togiak Herring gets reallocated, the quota should stay within the Togiak Herring Fishery instead being transferred to the Dutch Harbor Food & Bait Fishery

Thank you,

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