

Good morning/afternoon Madam Chair and members of the board,

My name is Nana Kalmakoff.

I am in support of Proposal 106, 109 and 140.

I was a resident of Chignik Lake for over 50 years. I still go back home every summer to put up subsistence fish for my family, while my husband waits to go commercial fishing. The summer of 2022, I wasn't able to put away my subsistence fish like I usually do from previous years. I only take what I need for my family. I normally can four cases of fish and last year, I was only able to can ONE CASE of fish. I only have 2 jars left, and I don't want to open them yet. We were thankful for the 8 fish I was able to put in the freezer for my family, which is really sad for my family of 5. I usually put away about 115 fish for my freezer, dry fish, smoked fish, and salted fish. I wasn't able to make any dry fish last year, this was the first time in all my life I wasn't able to put away dry fish. My mom is an elder who is 83 and returns home with me every summer and she usually has her fish done by the end of May or by the middle of June. She tells me it is getting harder to get the fish we need. I never thought I would have to worry about putting fish away.

I learned at an early age from my parents on how to put up fish. I learned where to catch fish, and I go to the same places they did. I use nets in the same way they did. We've taught our children to catch them in the same places. Even with the same traditions of smoking fish like my dad used to. My dad played Elvis music to keep the bears away from his smoked fish. It was the rock and roll that kept them away. So when we smoke fish we play music.

I am worried about our escapement goals being met. I am opposed to proposal 105 and 132 to combine our escapement goals, because I want to make sure the fish will be there for the next generations for both subsistence and commercial fishing to sustain my family and the people of Chignik.

Our subsistence needs are not being met. We don't have enough for my family. I know what it's like to not have enough fish for my family and I support the people in the AYK and hope they can also meet their escapement goals for the future of Alaska's salmon and people.

The decisions being made this week will affect this current generation and the next generations for my family and all the families impacted by the intercept fisheries.