

Board Of Fisheries

Madame Chair and members of the Board of fish

For the record My name is Frank Woods, 57-year-old life long fishermen in Bristol Bay fisherman. I am here to represent myself.

I support 120 and ~~139~~, 140 limiting catch rates and harvest with all the stocks of concern and fisheries disasters we are beyond expanding fisheries

I oppose 121-125 Strongly oppose 124 expanding a known buffer area between terminal stocks Area T and a mixed stock fishery Area M.

For information I was on the Nushagak Advisory 2008 to 2020, chairman from 2012 to 2020 8 years. Changes I observed are saved are in RC _____. Same issues were true than are worst today. We have to move beyond an emergency order and species of concern. It's a disasters Y/K And Chigniks. I plan to present not problems (they only get bigger if I focus on them) but if we focus on the solutions. I believe answers will come. The burden of conservation needs to be across the board. Science is great still hasn't solved this problem. "So chum are the issue 60%asian , 40% CWAK, chums are targeted. This study dilutes the margins as minimal impact. I disagree every fish is valued the streams they are destined for. Proposal 140 is alignment proposal to federal rule 50 CFR 135.25 that says you cannot manage AND regulate common sense. Action from this board is required and mandated to protect the resource. Every fish matters in these disastrous returns statewide. I need to expand on issues that are important history of these proposals are same issues as in the disaster years.

I cant baffle you with Brilliance. Dr Howards / For reference traditional 2021 reports say the Alaska Department of fish and game gave their excuse FOR 2.1 MILLION Area M wide and embarrassing South Peninsula catch of 1.6 Million. Managers Quote "Confidentiality" "Clause" with processors as a reason for over harvester with industry. I look at is Industry Bought these 1.6 million knowing darn well and rewarding with chum pool. Daily harvest reports, delivery tickets industry. South peninsula limits 500,000- 600,000 chums? Combined 1.6 million caught between the three processors.

(2013) Comments if needed as time permits . The Area M BOF meeting had a lot mixed stock concerns presented. I stressed the management plan was inadequate and needed a peer review. With the genetics to back up the intercept of non-terminal stocks then the conservative approach was in order. I was also sent representing the Nushagak Advisory Committee brings to the table a long list of concerns.)

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Recent Board of Fisheries Changes

1988

- Reduced the weekly fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours to 6:00 pm Wednesday

1990

- Closed the Outer Port Heiden Section to Area M and T fishermen
- Closed the outer portion of the Ilnik Section to Area T fishermen
- Delayed the opening in the Ilnik Section NE of Unangashak from July 5 to July 15

1992

- 5¼" minimum gillnet mesh size restriction eliminated in Bear River Section after July 20

1996

- 5¼" minimum gillnet mesh size restriction eliminated in Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Nelson Lagoon sections for entire season

1998

- 5¼" minimum gillnet mesh size restriction eliminated in the Three Hills and Ilnik sections after July 24
- Adoption of the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (5AAC 09.369): provided early fishing opportunity in the Ilnik Section SW of Unangashak Bluffs from June 25 to July 4 if certain escapement thresholds at Ilnik were met. Allowed a maximum of 24 hours of continuous fishing, and 24 hour minimum closure time between periods, instituted 100,000 sockeye cap, and if fishing was permitted prior to July 5, extended closure of the area NE of Unangashak Bluffs from July 15 to July 25

2001

- 5¼" minimum gillnet mesh size restriction eliminated for the entire North Peninsula

2004

- Allowed the entire Ilnik Section to open to commercial salmon fishing on June 25 depending on escapement at Ilnik and Meshik rivers. Eliminated the sockeye salmon cap, maximum and minimum continuous fishing times and the potential closure of the are NE of Unangashak Bluffs to July 25 (regulations adopted in 1998)

2007

- Allowed the Ilnik Section to open to commercial salmon fishing on June 20, and opened a portion of the Outer Port Heiden Section

2010

- Shifted the northern boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section so line was perpendicular to the beach-no net gain in fishing area
- Shifted the 2½ day weekly fishing period in the Cinder River Section to 6:00 AM Thursday to 6:00 PM Saturday
- Set regulation that the seaward end of a set gillnet may not be placed further than one-half mile from the mean high tide mark in the Cinder River Section