

Madam Chair and Board Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. First off, my name is Stanley Mack. Born and raised in King Cove, now reside in Sand Point. I am testifying in support of Resolution 23-04 that was passed by the City of Sand Point on February 14, 2023, RC 68.

I fished all my life in Area M/Alaska Peninsula. I have done every type of fishery. I now drift gillnet. Let's stop for a moment and really look at the problem. You have heard testimony for the last couple of days and also had one-on-one conversations with folks telling you about the problem and reason their fishery has gone bad – "stop area m" Not The Answer. We have been cut back almost every year. There has been no change in any of the other fisheries – AYK or Chignik. I have submitted 3 RC's – I hope you would really study them and hold the government responsible. These claims concerns are not new.

Why has the state abandoned its responsibility to the people of the state and have not invested into biological science of this renewable resource. But have the burden to the end user who without science (out dated) data declare themselves the victim and therefore someone should pay.

These are not simple problems, and they will take great cohesive responses to rectify. I could give you examples of our loss off fish in our area because of government, natural causes and management.

At the last board meetings, I gave you all copies of scientific documents – addressing the black lake problem – I think the state should step up to the plate and do something. You all have a copy of the CNN Report – MMM – Military, Mining and Machinery – Human activity – pollution – start here and I believe you will find your answers.

Last comment – why hasn't the Department of Fish and Gam examined the Port Moller Test Fishery and counted the chum catch and extrapolated the numbers as they have on the reds going to Bristol Bay.

Why hasn't the Department counted the chum catch in Bristol Bay.

Fishermen report that on the east side of the River (Nusaqack) they will catch 100% chums all caught on the ebb tide. This means that there are a lot of north bound chums – "AYK Stock"

I strongly encourage the Board to step back and take a deep breath – for this year, all status quo and change the department to do a real indebt study on, migration, pollution, and stock in Bristol Bay and Chignik.