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This is the 2nd time I've attended a Board of Fish Meeting & given Testimony in my 45 adult years and the gap is 20 years give or take. Area M then. Area M now. What are the chances of that? The Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers have witnessed Abundance as well as scarcity. Alaska's Constitution Article 8 sec. 4 Fish, forests, wildlife grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle subject to preferences among beneficial uses. (1959) Amendment 5 (1972) "No exclusive right or special privilege of fishery shall be created or authorized in the natural waters of Alaska. This amendment does not restrict the state from limiting the entry into any fishery for purposes of resource conservation. It also does not restrict the state from taking action to prevent economic distress among fishermen & those dependent upon them for livelihood. The sustained yield is the best outcome for every

one yet survivors are suffering due to lack of reasonable escapement and of course a myriad of other impacts, ~~I am not here~~ I do not believe Area M is the 1 variable that has negatively impacted the fisheries many here are concerned & worried about! Truth be told almost every fishery accounted for here has contributed to these circumstances. With that said I highly doubt Area M fishermen would eat themselves out of their pocket book, livelihood and home. The Name Alaska is derived from the Aleut word

"alaxsxaq" (

with all due respect and deference to Virgil Umphenhor & supporters then and now proposal HD might be what is needed for a majority of fisheries here but its already had its day 23 years ago. Surely success & successful people ~~don't~~ doesn't / don't become that way overnight. What most people see at a glance is

3) Wealth, great career, purpose but
it's all a result of hard work
& hustle over time. Isn't it
high time the overall fishery is
put first for all in a manner
worthy of our ancestors leading
with ~~big~~ respect and leaving
everyone with dignity. This is
my dream & I know it's
yours!