

## Public Testimony

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Hi Board of Fish members,

I am Robin Samuelsen of Dillingham Alaska. I was Born in Dillingham and have lived their all my life. I have drift fished Bristol Bay for 57 years. I first attended a BOF meeting in 1972 I believe. I sat on the BOF for three years and the NPFMC for nine years and know the processes well.

Proposal 110,111,112 Support

Proposal 113,Oppose

Proposal 114, 115,116, Oppose- This is a mixed stock fishery, catching Bristol Bay, Yukon and kusko chums, reds, chinook. In the last three board of fish meeting this fishery has expanded above Port Heiden, the Board needs to roll them back down to their fishing district.

Proposal 119,121,122,123,124,125- Oppose- This area is the killing fields for the seiners. These areas the most profitable to the seine fleet because they are harvesting BB, Yukon and Kusko reds, chums and kings. The board need to roll the harvest way back, by closing this cape fishery totally or for a good length of time so traveling stocks can get through this area.

Proposal 120-Support

Proposal 147-Support-

Proposal 149,150,153 Oppose- That's all they want to do is increase interception of non area m salmon. Monofilament wed is not the way to go, it will increase catches.

Proposal 151,148,152,154,188-oppose- The herring stocks they are targeting are western Alaska herring stocks. They already have a portion of the Togiak herring stocks that they can harvest, do not increase and allocate 15% of the Western Alaska herring stocks, the move the Board gives them the more they want. We want to find markets for our herring stock and are still looking for a market.

Proposal 127,133,131,132,136,130136128-Support- Look what the NPMC did to the trawlers, they capped them at 45,000 western Alaska Chums. The Area M seine and gillnet fleet harvest millions of chums, more than the Trawlers, look at my graph. The BOF cannot let this fishery stay status quo. The Yukon folks cannot catch one chum for 7 years they are complete closed down. You must reduce their catch by a big amount, pull them off of the capes and make them fish inside their bays.

Proposal 134,137- Oppose-Their fishing time should be reduced, this is an intercept fishery.

Proposal 135-Support- Three years ago in the BB Nushagak this Board took action to save the King population. We supported those measures even though they affected us all. The only King Salmon spawning bed for king salmon is in the North Peninsula area and their spawning escapement is small. Most of the kings caught in South Peninsula and North

Peninsula are migrating kings, they are headed for BB, Yukon and Kusko. You the board knows the problem we are having in western Alaska with king salmon and you taken action to help save the western Alaska king salmon stocks. Now the Board needs to stop the interception of our king stocks in this area M interception fishery. Processors in Area M do not want King Salmon under 10 pounds, they grind them up and throw them back into the bays. In BB Nushagak we count those kings as part of our escapement Proposal-138,146,139,142,144,145-Oppose-This is an intercept fishery I am against any time expansions.

Proposal140,141,143-Support-

Proposal-116-Support- The North Peninsula sockeye fishery is an intercept fishery. With the last three Board cycles the North Peninsula has moved further north and now they are fishing outside of Port Heyden, far away from their streams, targeting BB salmon. You the Board needs to reduce their fishing area and put they on stocks closer to their spawning beds.

Proposal 133,115- Oppose- This is an intercept fishery and they should not be given more time, period.

Proposal 106-support

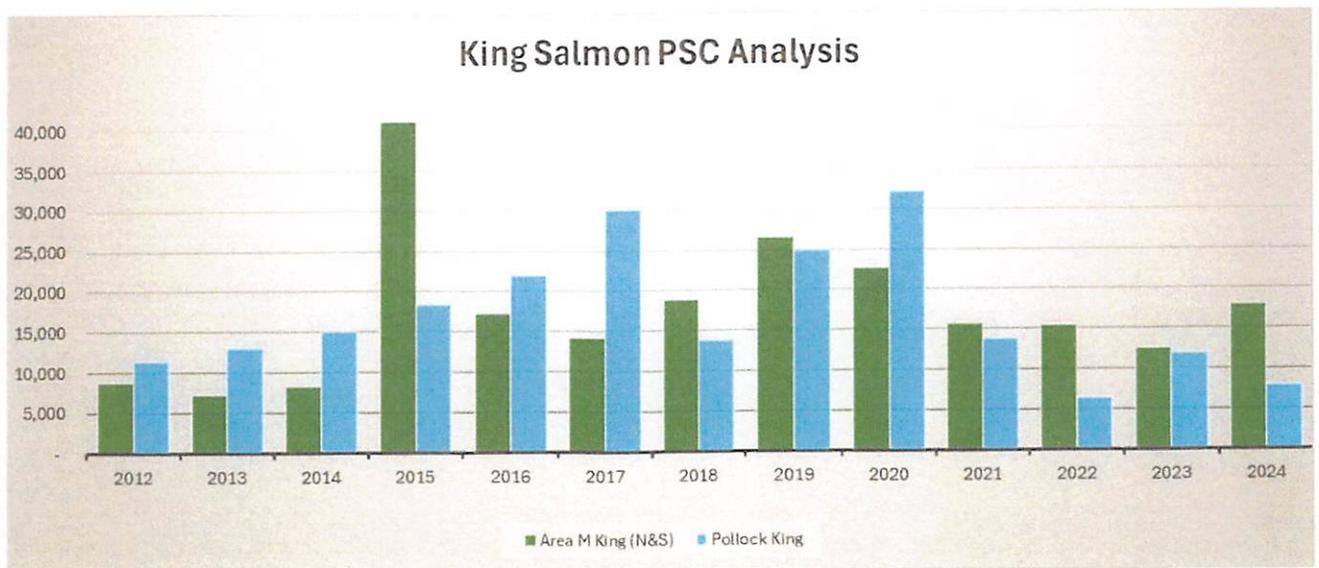
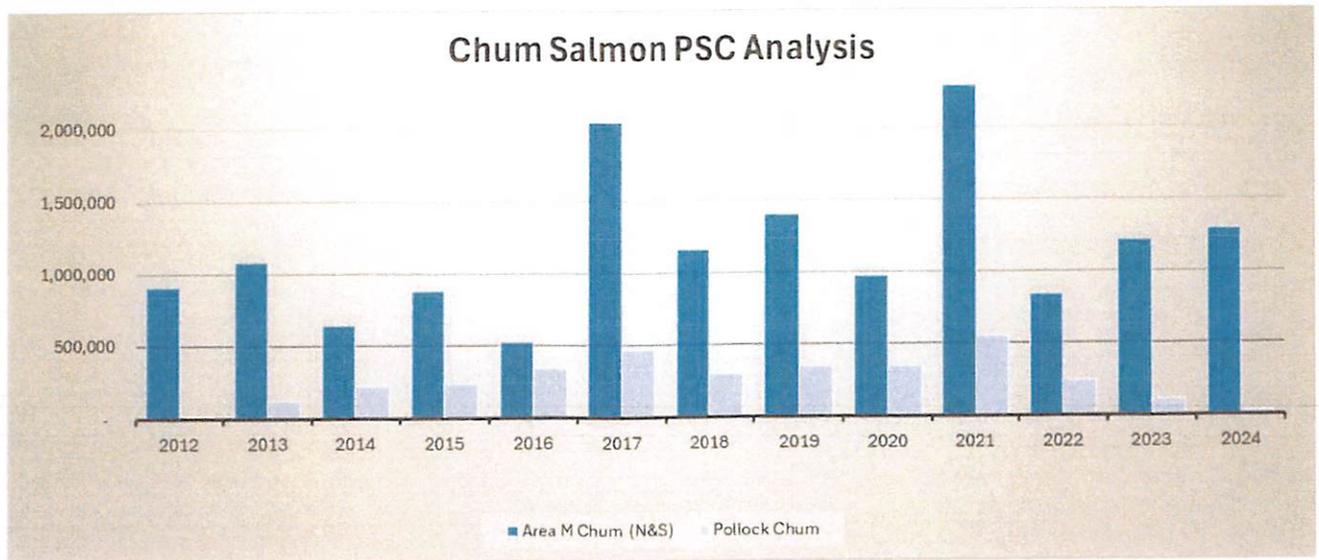
Proposal 161-Oppose

The June and North Peninsula salmon fisheries needs to be changed and made to be a more terminal fishery. These fisheries affect our salmon stocks in Bristol Bay, Yukon and Kusko drainages. Please do not allow any expansion of these mixed stock fisheries they need to be rolled back. One has to remember the BOF action to save the Nushagak Kings three years ago . The Kusko is having salmon shortages and the Yukon is closed for seven years. That demands your attention to curb the interception in Area M of all these fish stocks mentioned above.

Thank You



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