

Peter Angasan Testimony
Bristol Bay Drift Fisherman

Thank you Madam Chair and members of the Board. My name is Peter Angasan, I'm a local Bristol Bay Drift Fisherman and I've lived in King Salmon my entire life. I also set netted for 30 years in Bristol Bay.

I support proposals that reduce fishing time, area, and gear in the mixed-stock fisheries of Area M. When there's uncertainty and ongoing conservation concerns, a precautionary approach is the responsible path. Like many people in our region, I care deeply about the long-term health of all salmon runs, including Western Alaska king and chum stocks that are facing real challenges.

I also support proposals that reduce the amount of gear in the water, especially those that limit net depth. Using shallower gear can help avoid deeper-swimming fish like king and chum that are headed for Western Alaska or other Alaska river systems. These are practical, targeted steps that help reduce impacts while still allowing access to stronger stocks.

At the same time, I don't believe it's appropriate to expand fishing time, area, or gear right now. Increasing effort in mixed-stock fisheries adds risk to already vulnerable runs and moves us away from a conservation-minded approach.

Our livelihoods depend on healthy salmon runs not just today, but into the future. I encourage a balanced, precautionary approach that protects struggling stocks while keeping our fisheries sustainable for the next generation. Our mission is to protect our wild salmon and other species in Alaska. Let us not fail!

Thank you for your time and consideration.