

Thank you Mr. Chair and Board members,

I am Mark Kosbruk Sr. from Port Heiden, I would like to talk to you about proposals that I am in support of which are 22, 23, and proposal 155. I support these for two reasons commercial and subsistence. I am against proposal 149. The population of Port Heiden is 100, we are one of many struggling villages in Bristol Bay that rely on the salmon season. We are currently building a fish processing plant in our village to help stabilize it and give our fishermen and locals financial opportunities to live in such a remote area. Further more if the Board would please take the time to look over RC-26 submitted by Gary Cline, it is a over view of the stock composition done by the University of Washington on the outer Port Heiden waters. So this study, along with the WASSIP study very clearly shows what percentage of Salmon is being intercepted in these outer waters, so proposal 149 would greatly increase this interception of Bristol Bay bound Salmon, not to mention the difference in gear depth that the Alaska peninsula fishermen use. Law enforcement has stated that it would be very difficult to enforce this as Alaska peninsula fishermen have the ability to travel to different sections of the vast area that Alaska Peninsula fishermen have. Their gear depth is 70 meshes deep where as Bristol Bay's gear depth is 29 meshes deep, as many local people rely on Salmon as a source of income and one of our many subsistence needs. Since the opening of the outer Port Heiden waters our subsistence rivers have been producing very little subsistence salmon. We rely on the salmon yearly, and when there is a bad fishing season weather it be low salmon prices or low salmon returns we turn to our subsistence needs to get us through these returning situations that we face year after year. So in closing I ask that you the Board please pay close attention to our concerns and these important studies as they speak for many that cannot make it to these important meetings.