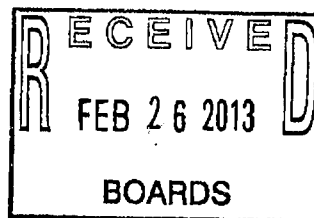


RC 35

February 26, 2012



ADF&G Board of Fisheries

PO Box 115526 Juneau, Alaska 99811-55266

Re: Proposal 162 – Unalaska Bay Trawl Closure

To Whom It May Concern;

I support Proposal 162 to the Board of Fisheries, to close Unalaska Bay to trawl fishing. I have worked in all areas of the fisheries and lived at Unalaska Island since 1982. I commercial fished as a small boat fisheries for seven years and subsistence fished for 30 years. My family counts on subsistence as a mandatory part of their food gathering here and Halibut IFQ's and the small boat Crab Fisheries has been a part of my annual income to help my family as well.

I have witnessed a tremendous decline in fish and game in the surrounding Unalaska Bay waters since my arrival in 1982. I have witnessed several times while fishing on a 32' Bristol Bay boat, factory trawling in the mouth and head of Captain's Bay, one of Unalaska Island's most important resource for subsistence and small boat commercial fisheries. I initially called F&G when I first saw this occur back in 1994 and was horrified that there was no regulations set against this as they were trawling right over our IFQ lines for halibut. It also made a deep impression: these larger vessels would slowly destroy the ground bottom feed and that, not only small boat fisheries in halibut and crab would be ruined for myself and future generations, but also that it would drastically reduce the eco-tourism sport fishing industry of Unalaska for halibut charters and small boat recreation.

As the Bering Sea is known for its dangerous currents, winds and seas, small boat fishing can not safely occur out in open waters. Protected bays/ inlets are our only way to continue these local fishing industries and traditions.

I have discussed this issue with fellow fishermen and community members and have not met one that disagreed. They also support this cause wholeheartedly and the local population at Unalaska hopes that you will support proposal 162 with great enthusiasm.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Reed".

Carolyn Reed, 30 year resident of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor