

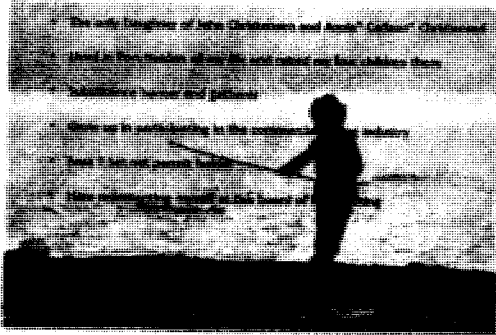
### Board of Fish



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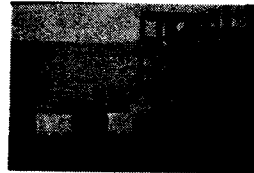
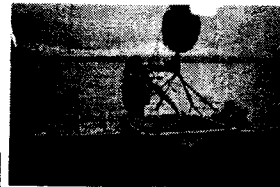


### Gerda Kosbruk



### Christensen & Son's Fish Company

- I worked with our family business of buying kings and silver from the 70's to the 90's.
- This helped sustain our community during these years.



- I work for the Native Village of Port Heiden as an Administrator
- Manager for Tribally owned company Aniakchak Contractors
- President of the Lake and Peninsula School Board
- Village Representative on the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp



My Great Grandfather Mike Wille putting away fish in Port Heiden

In my roles I have seen great change in our area. As an administrator for my community we are working hard to keep our community and our people from leaving due to hardships.



As a member of the school board the last 11 years, we have closed one school and there are four school in the coming year that are having a hard time meeting the 10 student requirement. Closing a school is devastating to a community.



### Proposals

- I support proposals that closes the outer Port Heiden waters
- I would like to be able to fish my set net permit all season
- I support the proposals of the locals in Chignik and Nelson Lagoon



### Subsistence Way of Life



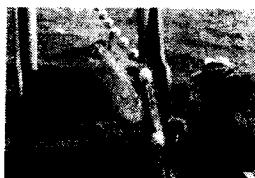
I grew up living off our land and bay. It is a way of life that my children have not been able to fully learn.

We haven't been able to hunt our caribou for the last nine years.

We can't get enough fish from our bay to meet our economic needs as well as our subsistence needs



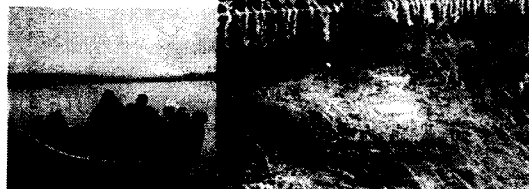
My mom splitting fish for winter (late 1970s)



- Meshik River has not been managed properly by Fish and Game
- There are no escapement goals for kings, chum, silvers and pinks
- Area M fishermen can operate in our bay as well the locals



Family Traditions



### Effects of Area M on local Subsistence

Since the line has moved for Area M we have seen a impact to our financial sustainability and to our subsistence way of life.

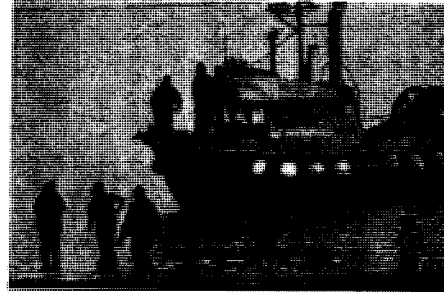
With our subsistence nets in the water all season we still cannot fill all our needs in my community





- We depend on our family and friends from the Chigniks to help fill our subsistence needs
- Where once we sold fish to help our economy, now we barely fill our freezer

Thank you for your time



### In Closing

- We are not able to meet our economic and subsistence needs
- Cost of living is high
- Our people are having to move because of these hardships
- Our schools are closing. We are watching the slow death of our villages in Bristol Bay



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Support the proposal from our neighbors in Nelson Lagoon and the Chigniks

Please support the proposal closing the outer waters of Port Heiden