

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals

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- Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, for the record my name is Frank Woods. I'm a 47 year old Bristol Bay salmon drift fisherman. I'm here to testify in behalf of myself to proposals listed: As someone who depends on living off the land and water I beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. We are not asking for more and more till it's all gone. We are asking for you to continue support us and not losing anymore then we already have.

- **Proposal 1 Subsistence is a priority for All of Alaskans**  
Not in favor of having any additional provisions and regulations that make it harder to feed our people that have taken more then there share of the burden of conservation

**Herring**

- **Proposal 10** oppose because once we give it away we don't have it anymore
- **Proposal 11** oppose due to not enforcing the 70/30 split till both gear groups reach their quota currently it is only managed till 1/2 the quota is caught so make 70/30 mandatory through regulation
- **Proposal 12** I support this proposal helps reach out to industry to even the playing field and include more Alaskan participation. One company already has this in there buying

plan 50/50 split is already being done. Write regulation to full allocation would be better impacts are in RC Attachments

- **Proposals 32-35** bigger boats means higher maintenance costs and larger investment capital and financial burden to an already over capitalized fishery. Less money to sustain our region this will be in my option less sustainable yield and bottom line for most Local and Alaskan fisherman.
- **Proposal 42** I am the Author and I support my own proposal permit stacking allows me double my investment capital and increase my bottom line by 25% plus bonuses. I believe business plans are already drawn to this very decision. If we don't stop it now at least some of the bleeding and outmigration of permits will stop and through the aggressive BBEDC permit buying program put these permits back to Alaskans hands
- **Proposal 57** Place holder for increased escapement in most of the fishing districts it has History of the Kvichak written all over it be careful on trying anything to even out the returns. Science doesn't allow history to repeat itself
- **Proposal 43** Support Togiak district doesn't need this race for fish with longer nets on such a small and fragile run.
- **Proposal 23~~4~~** that deal with sport fishing on the Nushagak River I am not a sportsman I am a commercial fisherman and a subsistence user of that resource. But I believe this proposal will only hurt the regions efforts in trying to sustain itself through the sport fishery.
- **Proposals 44-55** that deal with permit stacking for set nets read all the information from CFEC that says ~~that say~~ let this rest and sunset is loud and clear.
- We have got it tuff enough in rural Alaska as more and more of the burden of proof has to lie with in the people have the most to loose in this arena then any one else in this room is the people that depend on the resources to sustain themselves

Support Prop 012

**Current 70/30 Herring Quota**

**2012 Seiners**

Quota **15,135 tons**

**Total Catch**

**13,084 TONS**

Total Number of Seiners

16

Total Number of Local Seiners

1

Average price per Ton

\$200.00

**Total Revenue**

**\$2,616,800.00**

Average Per Seiner

163,550.00

Average Per Local Seiner X 1

163,550.00

**Total Revenue**

**\$2,616,800.00**

Minus 20% of total revenue

(523,360.00)

**Total Revenue Impact 50/50**

**\$2,093,440**

2012 Average Per Seiner

163,550.00

20% decrease per local seiner

-32,710.00

**Total Impact Per Seiner**

**\$130,840.00**

Total Impact Local Seiner x 1

130,840.00

\*For every dollar spent in the region, \$1.00=\$7.00 rolled over locally.

Impact for Gillnetters - \$29,075.55 x 8 = \$232,604.40 x \$7.00 = \$1,628,230.80 Increase

Impact for Seiners - \$32,710.00 x 1 x \$7.00 = \$228,970.00 Decrease

**2012 Gillnetters**

Quota **6,487 tons**

**Total Catch**

**4,142 TONS**

Total Number of Gillnetters

18

Total Number of Local Seiners

8

Average price per Ton

\$230.00

**Total Revenue**

**\$952,660.00**

Average Per Gillnetter

52,925.00

Average Per Local Gillnetter X 8

423,400.00

**Impacts of 50/50 Herring Quota \* Based on 2012**

**Total Revenue**

**\$952,660.00**

Increase 20% of total revenue

523,360.00

**Total Revenue Impact 50/50**

**\$1,476,020.00**

2012 Average Per Gillnetter

52,925.00

20% increase to gillnet

29,075.55

**Total Impact Per Gillnetter**

**\$82,000.55**

Total Impact Local Gillnetters X 8

656,004.40

Increase

1.6 million for Gillnetters Local

vs \$ 228,970 to local

Decrease