

Good Morning, Good Afternoon member of the Board:

My name is Michael James, I am representing the Alakanuk Native Corporation Board of Directors.

I am also a newly elected Tribal Council Member.

I am also a member of the Yukon River Drainage Fishery Association.

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I am also a Critical Incident Stress Management/Suicide Volunteer Counselor.

I am a member of the Crisis Response Team.

During the meeting that was held on Wednesday and Thursday respectively, November 18 and 19, we discussed all the fishery issues, regarding making comments on the Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fish Proposals.

We all unanimously agreed whole-heartedly to vehemently, adamantly, dissentingly, unequivocally oppose the Board of Fish Proposals 107, 110, 113, 115, 117, 120.

We reside in the Wade Hampton Census Area, now known as the Kusilvak Census Area --- Our area per-capital income is one of the poorest areas here in the United States.

We have the highest percentage of unemployed people of any county or census area in the United States.

The economy in Alakanuk on the Lower Yukon River, in Western Alaska, in the Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta is so very impoverished, devastated, debilitated. A very dilapidated, devastated, direful, dire-straits economy.

We all agreed to expostulate these proposals.

The consequence if these proposals were to be passed, would be a very devastating impediment that will hurt us financially, economically, feasibly.

Therefore, we need to oppose Proposals 107, 110, 113, 115, 117, 120.

Whole heartedly support 108, 109, 111, 112, 116, 118, 119, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128.

We took No Action on 114, 121, 124, 140.