

BB testimony

Hello chairman and members of the board

my name is Chris Wenzel I have been commercial fishing in Alaska since 1989, crewing until 1994

From 1994 - 2000 I was a Area M set-netter.

From 2000- present I have been an Area M Drifter.

I am a board member of CAMF Concerned Area M Fisherman

I am here to testify against proposals 22, 23, & 24

These 3 proposals suggest the Board moves the boundary line Cape Meshnikof between Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula into Alaska Peninsula Waters.

What makes these proposals relevant for a Bristol Bay meeting or even Alaska peninsula meeting?

Wouldn't these proposals seem more appropriate if at all, at the statewide meeting.

ADF&G management areas and CFEC permit designations have there differences.

But the proposals are on the agenda today so I'm here to testify.

I believe Cape Meshnikof has been a Boundary between the Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay since the early 1900's.

Taking Alaskan Peninsula waters and making them Bristol Bay waters would create lost revenue from Alaska Peninsula processors, local communities and the Alaskan Peninsula fleet.

what kind of precedent would this set by moving this boundary line ?

If the Board wants to declare open season on regional boundaries will it be in order to propose moving Ugashik with the Alaska peninsula ; Cape Igvak into Chignik, and so forth.

What these proposals reveal is a long-standing bias that somehow the Alaska Peninsula should be subservient to Bristol Bay.

We disagree with that attitude.

Thank you for your time.

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