

RC 040

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TO: Fish Board
From: Gust Tunguing 3rd
RE: Bristol Bay fish proposals

My name is Gust Tunguing 3rd, and I am a lifelong resident of Koliganek Alaska in Bristol Bay. I have fished crew with my father since i was 12 years old, and last year, with the help of the BBEDC, I was able to purchase a BB Drift Permit. I fish with my dad, on his boat as a D permit holder, and earn a larger share because of us having longer nets. This D permit works well for me and my dad, and will enable me to save money to eventually purchase my own boat and get on my own. In the meantime, since I do not have enough to buy a boat and increase my debt to get it as well as paying off the permit, and fishing crew for my father who is now a much better fisherman than I am.

I support keeping the D permit regulation, but I oppose the double stacking proposal, because it will not aid poorer fishers and new fishers like me, but will tend to let wealthier high-liners get more fish and make more money. And it might cause permit prices to go up as they bid up the price of permits. This will make it harder for people like my younger brother enter the fishery, who hopes to do the same as I did with D permit.

I also support keeping the 32 foot limit, 48 hour transfer period, and other proposals which will tend to put local fishers at a greater disadvantage with respect to richer fisherman who tend to come from outside Bristol Bay.

Thank You,



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