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Permit Stacking Proposals And Proposal 44

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I would like to thank the BBEDC and BBNA for the opportunity that they gave me and the respected officials for taking time to hear our concerns.

I am Thomas Dock duly elected official for the Traditional Council of Togiak; appointed to the Advisory Committee of Togiak. For the records, I have a deep concern of the Proposal 51 and strongly oppose the stacking drift gill net permits jointly fishing a fishing vessel with 2 permits. I would like to show my respect for the set net operations. However, I am also opposed to all permit stacking in Bristol Bay.

The reason why I oppose this proposal is that this allows a vessel to just go into the Togiak district before July 27th. I strongly encourage the ADF&G to revisit and oppose the proposals of stacking permits. Also, I would like to support proposal 44 that would modify the Togiak District registration restrictions that would include following the fishing vessel when transferring to our district not just the permit holders name.

The way the Bristol Bay commercial fishing season is set now is perfect, it is still a strong renewable resource and we are catching the right amount of fish to meet our needs; winter fuel nearly \$6.00 per gallon and we go through about 500 gal. per winter average; high priced groceries etc. Because of the high cost of living it will be difficult for our residents to purchase an extra permit. As of now, we catch the perfect amount of fish, and that is not a joke. So, if you allow the stacking of permits, will you want to catch more fish by adding the depth mesh to the net? Look at this globally where you are originated from. Think clearly, we the Bristol Bay fishery is still going strong, because we are abiding by the strict regulations, to those who are managing and accepting proposals you are doing a great job continue to do so, lets continue to abide by perfect guidelines which are set in place. It is still exciting to look forward to the best employment for all ages.

Thanks again for the opportunity may we all have a vision of equal opportunity for all.