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Proposal 64 & 34

Hello Mr. Chairman and respective Board Members.

First of all, I would like to thank you for taking the time away from your families to ensure that our fisheries remain sustainable.

My name is Spencer Walcott and I currently live in New Stuyahok, Alaska along the Nushagak River. I have commercial fished for two years as a deckhand, and I am also a Bristol Bay Drift permit holder. I would like support proposal 64 to schedule drift gill net openings at least an hour before the high tide marker within the Nushagak District.

The reason why I support this proposal is because we the fishermen aren't getting much fish on the outgoing tide compared to what we catch on the incoming tide. It would be better if the opener was at least one hour before the high tide. This proposal 64 would provide a more productive fishery for both drift and set boat operations.

I also OPPOSE proposal 34 that would replace the 48 hour transfer restriction to 12 hours. It would be an unfair advantage for those that own a fast boat allowing to fish one district and transfer to another district right after one district closes. And, I think it might plug up the market or certain tenders within certain areas.

Thank you for your consideration,

Spencer Walcott