

RC 44

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Proposal comments for Bristol Bay Board of Fish 2018

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Board of Fish,

My name is Kim Rice, I am a member of the Lower Bristol Bay Fish and Game Advisory Board and an Egegik Setnet fisher for 32 years with my family. My comments are for myself and family. We fish 4 setnet operations in Egegik.

Proposal 22: We support this proposal. We are subsistence users as well. We think we should be able to subsistence fish at any time in a location..

Proposal 27: We support this proposal for Dual permits in the East side Set Net fishery. We support this proposal as written. Our family fishes 4 Setnet operations in the Egegik district ; myself, wife, daughter and son-in-law. During the period of time when the Board of Fish Granted Dual permits, it allowed us to fish all of our permits when we had Elder issues. It allowed us to still fish when one of us was unable to be there. Dual set net permits allowed us to get through some tough times and still maintain our fishery income

If the Board of Fish chooses to Grant Dual Permits on East side you should make it so 1 Permit per site. The practice of allowing fishers to fish 1 net till it fills up then drag net up beach then pull second permit net out to fish while they pick the first net is detrimental to fish quality and unfair to set net neighbors. I understand that this practice is done in the Nushagak. This has not been a practice in Egegik.

Proposal 31: NO. Status quo on this one. We like the way it is now. Helps local fishers drop card to fish.

Thanks, Kim Rice

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