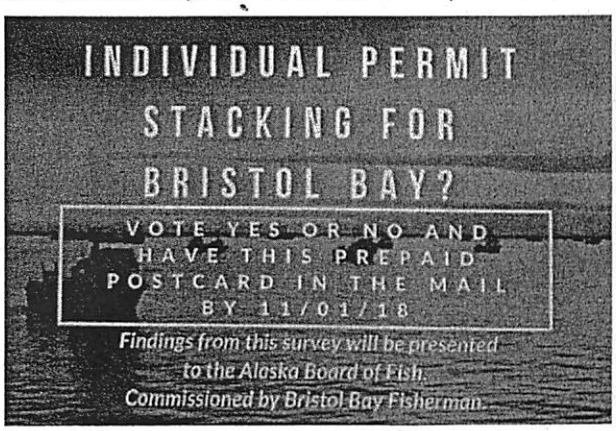
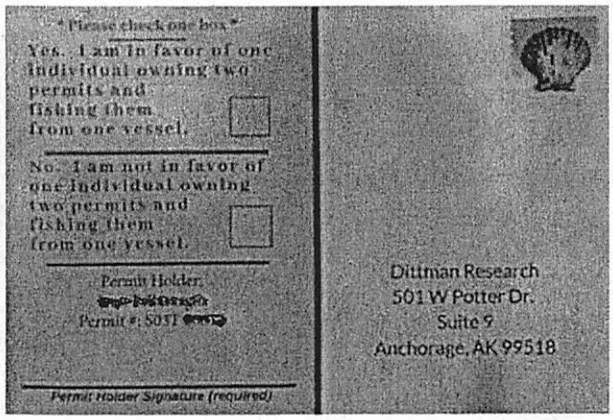
RC 52

Summited in response to RC 32: RC11; RC12; RC13



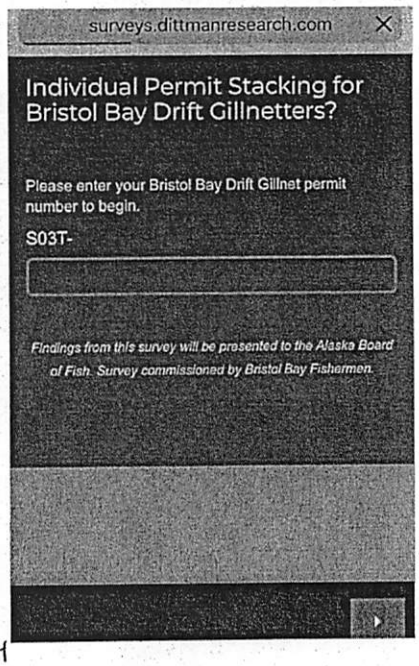


The above postcard was sent out to all Bristol Bay drift permit holders resulting in the statistics presented in RC 32. This RC states that of the results of their survey it can be concluded that "If you were to randomly select a Bristol Bay permit holder, there would be a 65% chance they would be in favor of individual permit stacking."

This conclusion is false and a misinterpretations of the survey data received. Because of the nature of the survey there is no way to extrapolate any fleet-wide assumptions for the following reasons:

First, there was not 100% response to this survey. Instead, responders self selected by choosing to mail back the survey or not. Statistics from a survey where an individual self selects into a response cannot be applied to the whole population because the sample size is not truly random.

Secondly, the survey was not blind. The name and permit # were attached to the survey results. It is also not clear who paid to conduct the survey. This situation contributes to why self-selected responders are unlikely to provide a random sample group. For example permit holders who want to see a change may be more likely to respond in this type of survey. Or those who do not trust the survey because their name will be attached to the vote or the sponsor was simply listed as "Bristol Bay Fisherman" or "Bristol Bay Fishermen" depending on the survey version.



Furthermore, when some permit holders commented that they did not receive their cards, an online option for the survey was created with no security measures to prevent fraudulent voting. A person could enter and simply by providing a permit number and name available through the CFEC public database. There was no way to certify if the person who voted was indeed the permit holder.

Conclusion: The assumption that 65% of Bristol Bay Permit holders support stacking is completely false. In order to derive a true representation of how the Bristol Bay Drift fleet feels on stacking a surveyor would need to either receive 100% response from a survey or select a random sample size and conduct a blind statistically valid survey.

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