

## **PROPOSAL 35**

### **5 AAC 06.350. Closed Waters.**

Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek, as follows:

My solution is to move the temporary markers which are still temporary and place them further up at the actual mouth of Graveyard Creek taking in account for much erosion and continued erosion where I will continue to move my sight further back in my line each year as necessary. The last Board proceedings claimed that if this location could have been determined they would have been able to restore my fishing rights. I plea to all members of the Board to end my hardship and vote for a solution or remedy to avoid any further hardship to be endured. I plan to provide measurements, photographs of Graveyard Creek.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** My proposal is made requesting all Board Members to vote to restore my fishing right(s) at Graveyard Point inside Graveyard Creek located in the Naknek Kvichak District of Bristol Bay. I respectfully request the legal right be restored to fish again. So I can return to my historical location and simply resume fishing as a set netter this coming up season without further delay or hardship to me or my family in 2019. Without my fishing site(s) I will have nothing to show for my children to inherit the family business after fishing for over 40 plus years, essentially my entire life. My family is part of a fishing legacy spanning over 60 years. Where for decades we have shared with others, life as commercial fisherman, where we once all knew one another. A place where my last name Grossi was synonymous with Graveyard Point as were other family's (our friends and neighbors) who were there since the beginning with us. We are now the second and third generation handing down the family tradition to our children our mother and father's grandchildren are now ready to learn the business as well and carry the tradition forward as it should be for all of us who choose this way of life. With the passing of my personal proposal an injustice will be repaired which occurred without any advance notice several years ago causing great hardship just days prior to fishing being opened in our district. This occurred when ADFG placed temporary markers at the beginning of the season across the creek creating a (boundary line) which did not permit me to fish any longer behind the newly established point, without breaking the law. I was told by Alaska Troopers that if I fished in closed waters I would forfeit my catch and my vessel and equipment would be seized leaving me no other avenue other than finding relief with the Board of Fisheries proposal process which I have had to find my way. My family and I have fished in Graveyard Creek free of any legal issues regarding regulatory laws and we have fished uncontested for decades. We have been seen harvesting salmon year after year. I have never been issued any citation nor have I received any demerit points ever in my life or career and my presence is well documented. I plan to provide all necessary documentation to substantiate all of my claims made in this proposal.

Allowing me to return fishing to the only place I have ever fished since a child of 2 years in the skiff with my mother, father and brother is why I'm here again 4 years later. The transcript is evidence the members then gave great consideration and wanted to support the return but fell short to details which I will remedy with the documentation to receive the same support and return my grandfathered rights to me.

My father won our legal proceedings to make me (Agostino Grossi) the youngest Limited Entry Set Net Permit Holder in the State of Alaska. The documentation is irrefutable and the evidence

overwhelming as to the place I have historically fished night and day for over 40 years including family members before me.

**PROPOSED BY:** Agostino Grossi

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