

I am Aaron Paul, born and raised Alaskan who lives at 53680 East End Rd in Homer on the Kenai Peninsula. I am representing myself and my family. I **oppose proposals 37, and 58 thru 66**. I am in support of proposal 54.

Growing up in Fairbanks, smoked wild Alaskan salmon from fish camp on the Yukon was an important part of winter provisions. As a young man living in Ninilchik, working the tribal subsistence net with my wife and children, aunts and uncles, and grandparents was a yearly occurrence. As a middle aged man with children reaching working age, commercial salmon fishing sustains us. The fish I have always harvested and eaten from childhood to present has come from all parts of Alaska. Even so far as to arrive 500 miles inland prior to harvests. My view of this resource is encompassing as a resident of this state. **These mixed stock fish are common property fish. They belong to all Alaskans, and its only after a fisherman or woman lands the fish does it become their fish. It might take a village to raise a child, but it takes an ocean to raise a salmon.** We cannot manage mixed stock fish based solely on one constituent part. Cook inlet reds are big beautiful fish, and anyone who has fished salmon for any period of time in this state will recognize them. I personally have seen and caught cook inlet reds from Yakutat to Scotch Cap incidental to other fisheries. **This is the reality of fishing anywhere in the gulf of Alaska and is well documented and managed by fish and game.**

These are common property fish. Placing overriding restrictions to community access to this resource places a small percentage of the people who rely on this resource at an unfair advantage. Here we consider proposals targeting Kodiak fisheries but that is just the beginning. If we set the precedent here, where will it end? The UCIDA would not rest until every fishing community across the entire southern coastline of Alaska has their access to fish reduced and limited till no Cook Inlet salmon are caught in any other areas. This simply is an impossible agenda and is not supported by any sound science. Taking the resources out of the hands and mouths of parents and children who reside all throughout Alaska from coastal villages in the southwest struggling to survive with commercial salmon as the primary, and in many cases only viable source of industry, and **maybe** land it right in the bellies of the men and women fishing in an area with multiple and various industries to supplement their incomes. **It is a myopic viewpoint that simply does not take any traditional or cultural use of the resource into consideration other than their own.** I like to think of the Colorado river as a prime example; it originates in Colorado, but it has a long and arduous trip to the sea. Every one along its path relies on it and through protracted litigation established water rights for better or for worse. Here we are looking at another resource that originates with a river and has far reaching impacts on all the communities downstream. **Please let us take a broader perspective in our management plans so that every community gets their historical percentage of the returns and benefits from it.**