

## Timothy Clark

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House Bill No. 117 is just what we want!! I am the chairman of the Nushagak Advisory Committee in Dillingham. Every regulatory cycle, it is always a challenge to get the BOF here to deliberate Bristol Bay Proposals. We've been fortunate to have them here in Bristol Bay the past few cycles. It is important that the BOF meets here because we want them to hear our concerns.

It is cost prohibitive and time consuming for anyone from the Bay to attend the lengthy sessions in Anchorage. Without local input on fish proposals we feel that we will not have the opportunity to weigh in on proposals that affect the outcome of our fishery. We want to be able to attend these meetings. The meetings not only benefit our local fishermen, but also provide an insight and education for our school and people here on the regulatory process. Without the opportunity to comment on proposals that affect our livelihood, the potential outcome could negatively discriminate against us.

You've heard the term in our constitution "We the people..... for the people". We want our voice to be heard. This is a fishery in our own back yard. We want to be given the opportunity to weigh-in on matters that concern us. Most of our local fishermen do not compete at the same level as "aggressive outside fishermen", nor do they have the same selfish and aggressive mentality that seeks change to benefit only themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this and hopefully you will bring my message forward.

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