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Thank you for clarifying and strengthening the language in the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve.

I am a 5th Generation fisherman from Naknek. I've commercially fished every season all season since the age of 7 and this summer will be my 34th consecutive season. I was born to fish and I have done it smart and successfully starting out small and making it pay before getting a nicer boat. I have had my kids growing up on the boat and also my other relatives.

I am also a board member on the Bristol Bay Fisherman's Association, a committee member on our regional Fish and Game Advisory Committee and have worked tirelessly on protecting the amazing fishery in Bristol Bay for many years in many forms including serving on the Bristol Bay Economic Corporation board as well in the past.

I'm pleased to know that legislators are looking out for us in Bristol Bay.

Its as clear to me the importance of the Bristol Bay Fishery and to the mass of voters in 2014 who passed the initiative by over 65%. I hope the rest of the committee members and all the legislators understand the true will of the Alaskan voter and that is to put every safeguard in place to protect the Great Bristol Bay Fishery.

Thank you for your service and If I can do anything please don't hesitate to contact me at salmonandsoul@gmail.com or by cell (907)469-0707

Thanks again. Everett Thompson of Naknek

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