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Wangkuta Yup'igi qanruyutet. aturluki anglitukut
ilakuyullata, ukvertarluta, pingnatulata.

Nallunritamta yunyaranteni piar yaranggeramta
nutemllarmex.

Q igcikiyaram aturtai tarinyumaut ellam iluvelkyas
elpengzellrit nunulitengzellrit-llu.

Qanruyutem aturtai umyuartuluteng aturtai
umyuartuluteng, elluatuuluteng, nunqiterkerateng
yuuluagercigut.

My name is Kendrick Aparuk Hantala.
I grew up on the Kuskokwim River.
I graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School.
I also completed the Rural Alaska Honors
Institute in 2011 and completed the Alaska
Native Science and Engineering program in 2012.
I graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks
in 2019 as a Biomedical Learning and Student
Training Scholar. I am a TAMAMTA Fellow
in the First cohort.

In 2015 I worked on the Salmon River weir
up the Aniak River as a Fish and Wildlife Tech II.
During my time I observed and learned the river.
I was designated by my superior technician to be lead
driver because of my ~~skill~~ capability as a skiff captain in
shallow fast currents.

I would like to support the following proposal with the following amendment; proposal 93 that the Buckstock River be closed to all fishing to only open to subsistence fishing. I would like the Board of Fish to consider the current salmon crises on the two biggest tributaries in Alaska. Allowing subsistence fishing over sport fishing provides ample opportunity for rural residents the opportunity to secure a healthy food source for the winter.

When I worked up on the weir I observed the scale of the sport fishing outfitters. It was nothing I had seen before. I also worked in Sitka of 2014 as a fishing guide for fly fishing and ocean charters as a deckhand. I fully understand the daily traffic and seeking to operate with as many clients as ~~deemed~~ deemed safe. This proposal with amendment will follow AS 16.05.258 & help the Alaska Department of Fish and Game support its State Constitution.

I support proposal: 91, 140

I oppose 90 because this creates an inefficient and ineffective way to allow local rural residents subsistence opportunity as it states in AS 16.05.258. Paper work is hard to complete in rural Alaska and much of the elder people trying to secure permit will be limited to early boarding school education that may have been traumatizing and detrimental to extended family.