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I'm Moses Kritz, and I am from Togiak, and I've fished in Togiak most of my life.

I'm supporting proposal 29 as it was amended by the Togiak Advisory Committee. I'm on the AC committee, but the AC will be represented by the Chair, Peter Lockuk.

The Togiak commercial fishermen supported the King Salmon Boundary line in GOOD FAITH, because we recognized the need to be cautious towards King salmon. We needed to keep the escapement up, while the return was coming back lower. We need Sport fishermen to do the same now.

Since 1991, the King Salmon have been consistently dropping from their peak. It's is very close to nothing now except for the increase in jacks. Last year was the lowest point. Our subsistence users were not getting the kings that they need. The king salmon are very susceptible to overfishing right now and reaching their tipping point.

Prop 48

I'm supporting proposal 48 as it was written. The run is coming in later, and we are starting to process fish later. The transfer date needs to be adjusted with the run timing, and we need the date to be moved to August 4th to keep with the run timing.

The big outside boats are coming in and fishing aggressively, and are using illegal fishing because the trooper is not available to reach our fishery very often. We have one enforcement officer, and he can only fly over. Not check on boats on the water.

These are two very important proposals that we are asking for. We don't weigh in on other areas, because our fishery only need a few small changes to keep a good balance.