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Comment to the Board of Fish regarding proposal 27 : Nonresident annual limit to coho salmon on the Naknek River.

I want to comment on a suggestion made during the committee of the whole: namely the suggestion to put an annual coho limit all anglers on all waters of Bristol Bay.

This is a very substantial change from the original proposal and one that many anglers might not have anticipated or responded to.

- 1) I am not sure this is biologically warranted.
- 2) I think an annual limit to resident anglers could be counter productive. All resident anglers are qualified to get a subsistence permit and might cause more harvest effort via nets.
- 3) Some anglers prefer to catch silvers for their freezers by hook and line for the fun of it and or to avoid incidentally catching a bunch of humpies.

I hesitate to see an annual limit on Bristol Bay coho if there isn't a widespread biological problem.

Thank you.