

2022 Board of Fish  
RC on Proposal 40  
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I am a lifelong Bristol Bay resident. I started out as a fisherman in the Kvichak section as a setnetter. I want to speak on proposal 40. I support this proposal because I as a fisherman wanted to start a set net fishing career. I could not do that because of the lack of sites in the NAK/KVI section. The interest hasn't begun with me. We have had setnetters from Levelock tried to get into the fishery and had trouble with gaining sites for a viable operation. This proposal can provide opportunities to Bristol Bay watershed residents to lease/block out sites to invest in their future. And can operate in the fishery with moderate production.

In the 2018 AK Board of Fish, the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area was a topic and proposal 36 was inducted in that meeting. The means was to help residents for the opportunity. I did not go in full favor of providing opportunities to harvest fish. This opportunity can supplement the idea of gaining more BB residents to have the chance to fish. I don't foresee the setnet fishermen who has productive sites to relocate from their commercial sites. And limit the setnet sites to one person per applicant would be a friendly amendment.

Thank you for your time.

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