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Testimony to North Pacific Management Council

regarding Subsistence Salmon harvests

my name is Stanislaus Sheppard Subsistence Fisherman

I am here on behalf of hundreds of Subsistence Salmon users on the Lower Yukon,

Our harvest of salmon every summer is going down and people are having harder time gathering there subsistence needs, with the use of dip nets makes it even harder where as nets were used.

most of subsistence users ask to borrow someone else dip net because they can't buy one for them selves,

I attended the Spring meeting up at Nome and gave testimony about our people having hard time with subsistence because of low returns and if I am not mistaken there was talk about Sept & Oct being the months that was the highest bycatch and that if was addressed to reduce fishing in those two months.

when subsistence users that North Pacific Management Council is trying to address that there might be a understanding that you as a council is very interested in our subsistence Life style.

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