

Board of Fish

BBRCTE Fisheries Program



We had three young
fisherman represent
Bristol Bay...

Josiah Young



Josiah Young

Senior

Newhalen - LPSD

Sixth year set netter off **Coffee Point** and the **Wood River Special Harvest Area**

Goal: Buy a set net permit

“...my future in the Bristol Bay fisheries is to continue to commercial, subsistence, and sport fish until I can't walk, and teach my younger generation about *the way of fishing*. I would love to run my own set net site, this can be my dream job during summers because I've been around it since I was a young child.”

I love the hard work...”

Lewis Singley



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Junior

Naknek - BBBSD

Fifth year set netter off

Naknek River

2023 will mark 1st year drifting

Goal: Buy a drift permit

“It’s my honor to be selected to attend the Board of Fisheries... It allows us to fight for what we believe are the best decisions to protect our fisheries and local waters.”

“I feel passionate about preserving our fisheries so it stays around for may lifetimes.”

Jeffrey Brito



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Junior

Dillingham - DCSD

Tenth year drifter in the
Nushagak District

Goal: Buy a drift permit

“My involvement in the fisheries is drift netting, and I’ve been doing this with my dad for about 10 years now. I love the fishery I’m in.... I envision this fishery going on in my life as a usual thing, and I don’t plan on stopping ever.”

“The importance of this is to give people the opportunities to put their ideas for change in the fishery out there.”

BBRCTE team!

Left to right:

Misa Webber

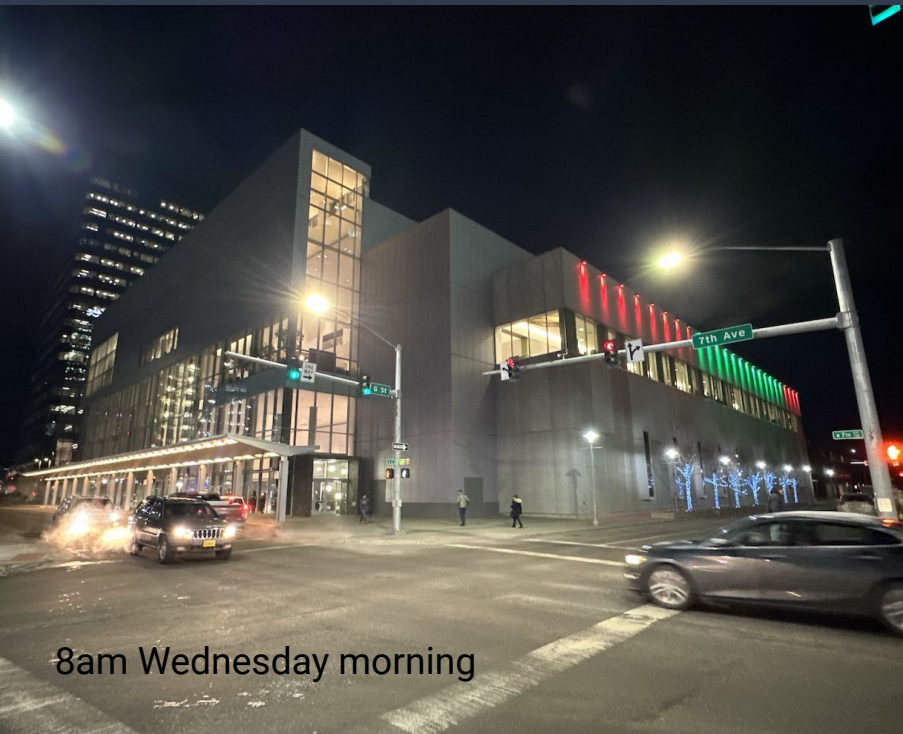
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Dena'ina Center



8am Wednesday morning

Students took part in the Bristol Bay Board of Fish meeting from Wednesday, Nov 30th - Saturday, December 3th.

Students met with all Fish & Game staff members, all members of the Board, and fellow fisherman.

We had lots of time to mingle and chat with different groups of people. The entire experience was a learning one, from the **social structure** to the **political hierarchy** of the fishing industry.

Agenda

Wednesday, Nov 30th

Public Testimony

Committee of the Whole

Group 1: Nushagak-Mulchatna
King Salmon Management Plan and
King Salmon Harvest Reporting (3
proposals)

Proposals 11-13

Agenda

Thursday, Dec 1st

Committee of the Whole

Group 2: Subsistence Salmon,
Sport Fishing (19 proposals)

Proposals 14-16

Group 3: Commercial Salmon,
Commercial Herring (30 proposals)

Proposals 33-62

Agenda

Friday, Dec 2nd

Commence Deliberations

Board Deliberations on Group 1

Board Deliberations on Group 2

Board Deliberations on Group 3

Agenda

Saturday, Dec 3rd

Continue Board Deliberations as
necessary

Miscellaneous Business

Adjourn

Students had a short interview
with Izzy from KDLG and said
goodbyes to F&G staff, Board
members, other organizations, family,
and friends.



Izzy Ross / KDLG

Moses Kritz testifies at the Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay meeting. Nov. 30, 2022.



Izzy Ross / KDLG

Attendees at the Bristol Bay Board of Fish meeting at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage. Dec. 1, 2022.



Izzy Ross / KDLG

Board of Fisheries Chair Märit Carlson-Van Dort speaks during a staff report on the first day of the board's 2022 Bristol Bay meeting. Nov. 29, 2022.

The Board of Fisheries



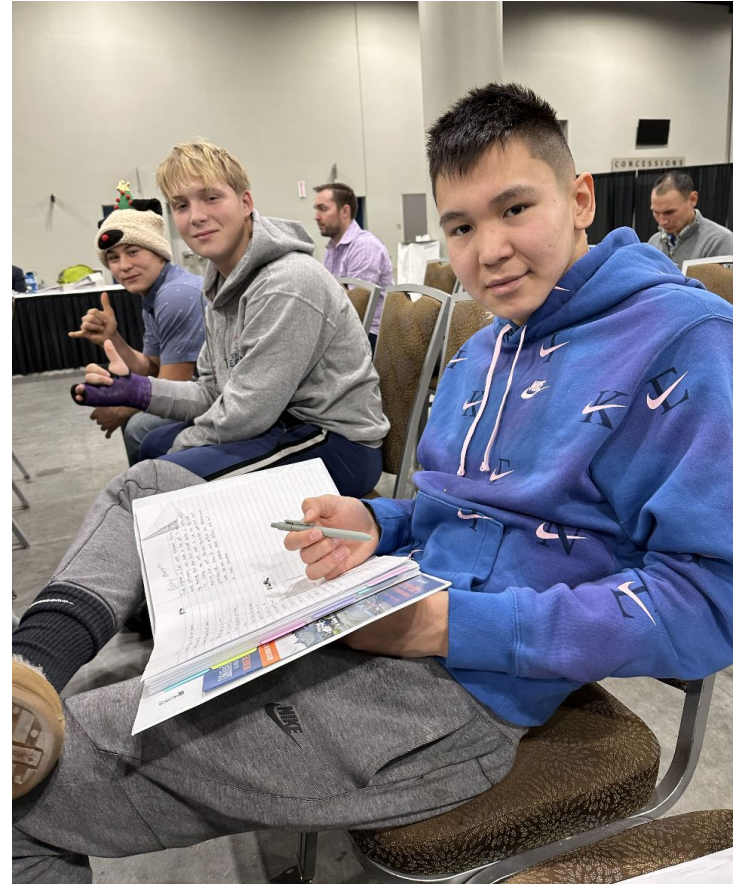
ADF&G Staff



Interview with KDLG



Using their BoF
binders to follow
the proposals in
discussion



The students getting a lesson from Tim Sands on the difficulty of conserving king runs while also managing for sockeye over escapement.



Tim introduced the menu of possible king conservation solutions in the **Nushagak-Mulchatna King Management Plan** introduced by ADF&G.



The days were LONG!
Coffee breaks, walks
around the block, and
trips to the Alaska
Club were key.



A slough of Bristol Bay fisherman were in town and attended a UAA women's basketball game Against Montana State! We lost :(



Shameless Anchorage tourists



Final Essay

1-2 page paper

A reactionary response to their experience

First prompt must be written immediately after meeting

Due back to Misa on Dec 12; 1 week post meeting

1. First Response: Describe immediately how you feel, post meeting. Overwhelmed, fired-up, angry, excited, frustrated, exhausted? Write 3-5 sentences immediately after meeting.
2. The Board Process: How do you feel about the board process? Does it feel foreign and far from your culture? What did you learn about board meeting etiquette? Do you feel inspired to become a board member on your local Advisory Committee now?
3. What did you learn: Describe a few of the proposals you enjoyed learning about or feel strongly about. Describe the result the board voted on, and whether you agree with the decision or not. Describe how that decision will impact your fishing experience and livelihood.
4. Networking: Talk about some of the networking opportunities that you experienced. Did you have the chance to meet with board members, biologists, lobbyists, community members?
5. Impact & Closing: Close your paper by discussing the overall impact this has had on your fishing career and education.

A big thanks to the school districts for supporting the BBRCTE Fishery Pathway. These students are the future leaders of our economy, our culture, our watershed, and our way of life.

