Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

Regional Fisheries
Slush Ice Program
How the slush bag system works

- Hatch liner
- Add Ice
- Fish brailer
- Add water to create milk shake like consistency
- Add fish
- Shore base ice making equipment
- Tender to deliver ice to fisherman
Advantages

1. Inexpensive
2. Ease of operation
3. Sanitation
4. Fit any boat
5. Quick chilling
Disadvantages

1. Heavy
2. Loss of capacity
3. Different mixtures
4. Hot spots
5. Umbilical cord
   1. Ice making equipment location
   2. Ice to fisherman
Salty Dog Comments

- “I’ve fished for 40+ years and this is the best fish that I have ever delivered”
- “I thought it was a different fish. They were so bright, round & shinny compared to what I have been delivering.”
- Tender operator thought that this program was a joke until he saw the first brailer of programmed fish delivered.
- Beach gang were able to identify programmed fish without being told.
2002 Problems to address

- Insulated hatches
- Manufacturing ice on water
- Using a slurry as chilling medium