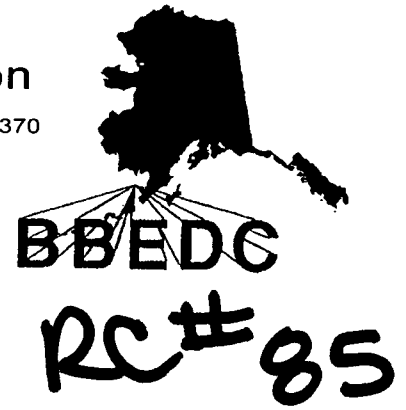


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BBEDC Regional Fisheries Committee Comments On 2013 Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish Proposals

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Commercial Salmon

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Southeastern District Mainland Salmon

- Proposal 173 to 175 – BBEDC's Regional Fisheries Committee opposes these proposals because they seek to expand a mixed stock fishery, in violation of board policies. The Board is obliged to respect the principle of resource conservation and its impact on regional fishermen and their communities.

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan

- Proposal 179 – 181 The committee supports these proposals in general terms because they support the fundamental principal of resource conservation.
- Proposal 182 – Modify the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* and the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to include a cap of allowable sockeye salmon harvest based on the Bristol Bay forecast and create terminal harvest areas around the mouth of each river systems in the Northern District.
The committee supports the proposal in general terms.
- Proposal 183 – Change the season opening date from June 1 to June 15 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, Southcentral, and Southeastern districts.
BBEDC supports the proposal in general terms.

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan

- Proposal 187 – Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan*, consolidating fishing periods.
The Committee is concerned about this proposal in general terms.
- Proposal 188 – Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan*, consolidating fishing periods.
The Committee opposes the proposal.
- Proposal 189 – Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan* to increase fishing time.
The Committee opposes the proposal because it calls for a significant increase in time and area.
- Proposal 190 – Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan*.
The Committee opposes the proposal.

North Alaska Peninsula Salmon Northern District/Area T overlap

- Proposal 198 – 199
The Committee supports these proposals as it generally supports the idea of creating more terminal fisheries in the Area M fishery.
- **28429** Proposal 200 – Establish a sockeye salmon fishery from June 20 through September 30 in the Cinder River Section
The Committee opposes the proposal because it would expand a mixed stock fishery.
- Proposal 201 – 203 – **These proposals speak to various mechanisms for ending fishing in the Outer Port Heiden Section, which the committee supports.**
- Proposal 205 – Create terminal harvest areas in Sandy, Ilnik, and Bear rivers for the drift gillnet fishery in Area M.
The Committee supports this proposal.
- Proposal 206-208 – *Modify Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan* time and area management.
The Committee supports these proposals intent to create terminal fisheries in this area.

Gear

- Proposal 196 – Allow for the use of monofilament gillnet gear in the Alaska Peninsula Area.
The Committee strongly opposes the proposal.

Genetics

- Proposal 209- 2011 – Using genetic data, create terminal harvest areas in Area M.
The Committee supports the proposal based on the WASSIP study and reducing intercept fisheries.

**South Alaska Peninsula Salmon
Southeastern District Mainland**

- Proposal 176 – Open and close the Northeast Stepovak Section, including Orzinski Bay, by emergency order (EO), between July 1 and July 25.
The Committee opposes the proposal.
- Proposal 177 – Create a *Southeastern District Post – July Salmon Management Plan* in regulation.
The Committee opposes the proposal.

Post- June Management Plan

- Proposal 185 – Provide the department more flexibility when conducting the Shumagin Islands Section test fisheries.
The Committee opposes the proposal because of possible impacts on immature Bristol Bay stocks.

Gear

- Proposal 195 – Allow drift gillnet gear to operate in the Southwestern District of Area M from June 1 – August 31.
The Committee opposes the proposal much as the board has opposed this concept in the past as it brings another user group into a mixed stock fishery.
- Proposal 242 – Seine specifications and operations.
The Committee opposes the proposal because it would be very difficult to enforce.

North Alaska Peninsula Salmon

Commercial Gear

- Proposal 197 – Modify the allowable set gillnet and drift gillnet gear depth from 70 meshes to 45 meshes in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area salmon fishery.
The Committee supports the proposal in the interest of resource conservation.

Sport Fish

- Proposal 213 – Decrease coho salmon bag limit to one in Ugashik, Dog Salmon, and King Salmon rivers. (*This proposal was addressed in both the Bristol Bay and will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands meeting.*)
The Committee supports the proposal in concept.

Miscellaneous

Bristol Bay

- Proposal 250 – Gillnet specifications and operations.
The Committee opposes the proposal.