

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Kluberton

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**Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 198**

5 AAC 09.310(a)(2)(B) is amended to read:

**5 AAC 09.310. Fishing seasons.** (a) In the Northern District, salmon may be taken as follows:

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(2) Port Heiden Sections:

(A) Inner Port Heiden Section: from May 1 through September 30;

(B) Outer Port Heiden Section: from June 20 through July 31, only in those waters one and one-half miles seaward of the baseline described in 5 AAC 09.301;

5 AAC 09.369 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

**5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.**

(n) From June 20 through July 31, the department shall manage the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to conserve Bear and Nelson River sockeye salmon stocks by allowing the passage of sockeye salmon from the northeast to the southwest of the Northern District as described in this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of 5 AAC 09.320, from June 20 through July 31, the commissioner shall, by emergency order, establish fishing periods for the Bear River and Three Hills Sections, and the Ilnik Section, in the portion located from

Unangashak Bluffs to Strogonof Point and that portion southwest of Unangashak Bluff, during which the waters that are between a line that is one and one-half miles seaward of the baseline and the three-mile seaward boundary described in 5 AAC 09.301 are closed for one 24-hour period during a seven-day period. The areas located to the southwest of the open area will have sequential closures that allow fishing in the waters out to one and one-half miles from the baseline for the first 24 hours of a fishery.

(Eff. 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 6/13/2004, Register 170; am 2/16/2006, Register 177; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2013, Register \_\_\_\_)

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