

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

ALASKA PENINSULA - ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE 1979 SALMON SEASON

*See also
#80-61-FB*

This outline for the 1979 salmon season in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands areas is intended as a guide. Adjustments will be made by field emergency order as conditions warrant during the season.

JUNE FISHERY

A. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands

Mixed stocks of salmon bound for distant systems have historically been intercepted in significant numbers along the Alaska Peninsula. To insure that none of these runs are overharvested it is necessary to restrain their interception.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries has established sockeye guideline harvest levels on the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June interception fisheries, both of which are based on percentages of the latest projected Bristol Bay inshore sockeye harvest as published by the Department of Fish and Game. Consistent with existing policy and traditional harvest patterns, the maximum percentage allowed for the South Unimak fishery is 6.8 percent and for the Shumagin Islands fishery, 1.5 percent. The forecasts for Bristol Bay are sometimes updated as more information becomes available just prior to the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands season, and exact numbers cannot be given at this time. However, based on the Department's preliminary 1978 Bristol Bay harvest forecast issued in February 1979, the catch limits would be approximately 900,000 for South Unimak and approximately 200,000 for the Shumagin Islands.

Guideline harvest levels are established with the understanding that catches will be distributed proportionately over the June runs so as not to excessively impact any segment of the runs. In order to accomplish this the following guidelines will be adhered to as much as practicable:


Guideline harvest levels of sockeye

<u>Weekly Period</u>	<u>South Unimak</u>	<u>Shumagin Islands</u>
June 1-4) June 5-11)	5% = 45,000	9% = 18,000
June 12-18	29% = 261,000	28% = 56,000
June 19-25	51% = 459,000	41% = 82,000
June 26-30	15% = <u>135,000</u>	22% = <u>44,000</u>
	100% = 900,000	100% = 200,000

Weekly fishing periods will be announced by field emergency order, and they will be adjusted so as to keep the harvest within the guideline. If catches fall below the guidelines for a given weekly period those unharvested sockeye will not be added into a subsequent weekly period. If guideline harvest levels by time, are inadvertently exceeded during any given fishing period, the excess will be a portion of the total guideline harvest level. Except for possible weather-day allowances being necessitated the last weekly period in June, these two interception fisheries will not be continued after June 30.

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VOTE: 5/1



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