

The Alaska Wildlife Troopers have concerns with the proposed language in Proposal 318 and suggest that GPS coordinates be added to the location information as follows:

PROPOSAL 318 - 5 AAC 5 AAC 29.100. Management of the summer troll fishery. Clarify when Section 1-F is open to trolling as follows:

(d) In Sections 1-C, 1-E, and 1-F, salmon may be taken only as follows:

(1) Section 1-C: open from August 15 through September 20;

(2) Section 1-E:

(A) in the waters of Section 1-E, bounded by a line from Escape Point to Nose Point within one mile of the shoreline, open from July 1 through September 20;

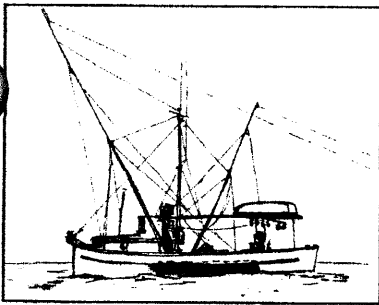
(B) all other waters of Section 1-E open from July 13 through September 20;

(3) Section 1-F: open from July 1 through September 20, with the following restrictions:

[SECTION 1-F: EAST OF A LINE FROM THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF KIRK POINT TO MARY ISLAND LIGHT TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CONE ISLAND, FROM JULY 13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20;]

(A) from July 1 through July 12, waters of Section 1-F east of a line from the northernmost tip of Kirk Point (54°59.98' N. lat., 131°00.78' W. long.) to Mary Island Light (55°05.90' N. lat., 131°10.89' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Cone Island (55°14.47' N. lat., 131°19.36' W. long.), will be closed;

(B) from July 13 through July 31, waters of Section 1-F east of a line from the southernmost tip of Black Island (55°07.84' N. lat., 131°04.89' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Slate Island (55°05.68' N. lat., 131°03.92' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of White Reef (55°03.95' N. lat., 131°02.51' W. long.) to the easternmost tip of Black Rock (55°01.37' N. lat., 131°03.62' W. long.) to the northernmost tip of Kirk Point (54°59.98' N. lat., 131°00.78' W. long.), will be closed. [SECTION 1-F: EAST OF A LINE FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF BLACK ISLAND TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF SLATE ISLAND TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF WHITE] Reef to the easternmost tip of Black Rock to the northernmost tip of Kirk Point, [INCLUDING THE WATERS OF BOCA DE QUADRA NOT CLOSED UNDER 5 AAC 29.150(B)(2), FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20.]



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March 1, 2012

Substitute language for Proposal 284

5 AAC 29.097 Regulation Book Page No. 87 District 11 King Salmon Management Plan

In District 11, the commissioner may open and close, by emergency order, directed Taku River king salmon troll fishing periods, from the first Monday in May through the third Saturday in June, as follows:

(1) in the waters of Section 11-A that are east and south of a line from Piling Point to **Middle Point [Outer Point]**, then south and west of a line from Marmion Island Light to Circle Point,

(A) from 12:01 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Friday in any week that a directed Taku River king salmon drift gillnet fishery occurs.

(2) in the waters of Section 11-B that are south of a line from Marmion Island Light to Circle Point,

(A) from 12:01 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday in any week that a directed Taku River king salmon drift gillnet fishery occurs.

(3) The commissioner will not open a king salmon troll fishing period under this section

(A) in the waters of Section 11-A that are east and south of a line from Piling Point to **Middle Point [Outer Point]**, then south and west of a line from Marmion Island Light to Circle Point, from 12:01 a.m. on the Saturday before the Memorial Day weekend to 11:59 p.m. on the Monday after the Memorial Day weekend; and

(B) in the waters of Section 11-B that are south of a line from Marmion Island Light to Circle Point, from 12:01a.m. on the Saturday before the Memorial Day weekend to 11:59 p.m. on the Monday after the Memorial Day weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Kelley
 Executive Director

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Brown.
March 1, 2012

Substitute language for **Proposal 223**

Clarify that dinglebar gear in the longline fishery allows only one line.

5 AAC 28.130. Lawful gear for Eastern Gulf Of Alaska Area. Clarify dinglebar gear in the lingcod fishery allowing for only one line as follows:

(h) In the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, dinglebar troll gear is gear that consists of a single line that is retrieved and set with a troll gurdy or hand troll gurdy with a terminally attached weight from which one or more leaders with one or more lures or baited hooks are pulled through the water while a vessel is making way. **Only one troll gurdy or hand troll gurdy with a terminally attached weight may be deployed in the water at any time.**

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Brown.
March 1, 2012

Substitute Language for **Proposal 225**
Herring pound management plan

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7.

dd) Two closed pounds as described under 5 AAC 27.130 (e) may be combined into one single closed pound structure and operated by multiple permit holders. The kelp allocations per permit holder and all other provisions as describe in 5 AAC 27.185 would apply to a combined pound. Permit holders choosing to operate a combined pound must register with the department prior to placing the pound in the water.

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Brown.
March 1, 2012

Substitute Language for **Proposal 226**
Herring pound management plan

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7

(g) Herring for placement in a closed herring spawn-on-kelp pound may be captured only with power seines or hand purse seines and may only be transferred to a closed pounds in

(1) Section 3-B after 12:00 noon, March 17 until **12:00 noon, May 10 unless** closed by emergency order;

(2) District 7 after 12:00 noon, April 1 until **12:00 noon, May 10 unless** closed by emergency order;

(3) Section 12-A after 12:00 noon, April 6 until **12:00 noon, May 15 unless** closed by emergency order; and

(4) Section 13-C after 12:00 noon, April 6 until **12:00 noon, May 15 unless** closed by emergency order.

(k) **Marking requirements for spawn on kelp pound structures and associated equipment in Registration Area A.**

(1) Before [KELP OR] a herring [ARE ADDED TO A] pound **is placed in the water by** a permit holder must plainly and legibly mark the permit holder's first and last name and five-digit CFEC permit number in a conspicuous place on the pound. The sign must be vertical, and the markings must be clearly visible and above the surface of the water at all times. The letters and numbers used to identify a pound must be at least six inches high with lines at least one-half inch wide and must contrast with the background. If a pound is being operated as a multiple-permit pound, the first and last names and five-digit CFEC permit numbers of all permit holders operating the pound must be placed on a single sign. The sign must be left on the pound structure or the webbing support system the entire time any part of the pound or pound system is in the water.

(2) **all floats and floating objects used in support of the fishery must be plainly and legibly marked with a CFEC permit number of a participating permit holder as specified in (1) above. The floats and floating objects must be permanently marked and clearly visible above the surface of the water at all times.**

(3) [L] a permit holder using a tow pound for transporting herring to a closed pound must permanently affix a horizontal sign stating "Tow Pound" **and a CFEC permit number of**

a participating permit holder to the top surface of the tow pound. The letters must be at least six inches high with lines at least one-half inch wide and must contrast with the background. A permit holder may introduce herring into a tow pound multiple times before transferring the herring to a spawn-on-kelp pound.

(w) [A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL COMPLETELY REMOVE] permit holder shall completely remove] all pounds and associated equipment **must be completely removed** from the waters in

(1) Section 3-B **from** [BY] 12:00 noon May 31 **through March 1 of the following year;**

(2) District 7 **from** [BY] 12:00 noon May 31 **through March 1 of the following year;**

(3) Section 12-A **from** [BY] 12:00 noon June 10 **through March 1 of the following year;**

(4) Section 13-C **from** [BY] 12:00 noon June 10 **through March 1 of the following year.**

Proposal 301

March 1, 2012

I have been guiding on the Tsiu River for 17 years. Out of a 50 day season I am typically on the river for 48 of them. I am usually the first human there in August and the last one to leave in October. So by being on the river every day 10-12 hours a day you get to learn every plane and atv that is landing or driving around. I get to know the netters and their routines.

The netters that utilize the upper holes of the river very rarely have powered boats. They use paddles and other devices to scare the fish. As heard in testimony harvesters cannot catch good numbers of fish without the use of powered boats to herd them into the nets.

The idea that the three nets that are the historical users in this area can take 20% of the catch is a little hard to believe when there are 8-10 other nets in the lower river using powered boats. 20% of 45000(which is average catch) is 9000. With about 90 fish to a tote would equate to about 100 totes. Or about 10 totes per opener in a 10 opener season.(10 is the average)

It is also common for these netters in this area to not stay the entire season. They usually pull out after about 5 or 6 openers. Thus making the above numbers even more difficult attain.

I see lots of discarded fish the morning after an opener closes. Almost all being of the blush variety. There are hundreds of gull pecking on them everywhere and the bears have had a field day. I have seen hundreds of fish laying on the bottom in this upper part of the river. (About 1.5 mile area)

If you look at the history of the length of the river – about 40 years ago there was less than a mile of river to place nets. That is when the river flowed north to south. The duck camp island marker placement was put in place before sportfishing became mainstream. Probably to protect the blush fish. And at that time it was only a mile or so from the ocean. The river has since gained about 1 tenth of a mile over the last 40 years. A little mathematics will show that about 2.5 miles was the average length over this period of time. The years when there were 40 nets on the river were years that the river was only about 2.5-3 miles long.

With the EO authority of the Department the closed waters approved in action taken on 301 can be opened at any time. There is really no down side. While the commercial fleet provides an important economic base to the city of Yakutat there is another user group now that has become a huge financial contributor to their economy. And if developed properly will be an even greater asset.

Thank you☺

Dan Ernhart

Tsiu River Coalition

Substitute language for proposal 294:

Submitted by ADF&G at the request of Board Member Vince Webster:

5 AAC 30.395. Reporting requirements. Repealed. [THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, CLOSE A COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SEASON AND IMMEDIATELY REOPEN A COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SEASON DURING WHICH A CFEC PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ON AN ADF&G FISH TICKET, AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY, THE NUMBER OF STEELHEAD AND THE NUMBER OF KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH, TAKEN BUT NOT SOLD.]

5 AAC 33.395. Reporting requirements. Repealed. [THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, CLOSE A COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SEASON AND IMMEDIATELY REOPEN A COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SEASON DURING WHICH A CFEC PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ON AN ADF&G FISH TICKET, AT THE TIME OF LANDING, THE NUMBER OF STEELHEAD AND THE NUMBER OF KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH, TAKEN BUT NOT SOLD. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "LANDING" MEANS THE ACT OF OFFLOADING FISH FROM A CFEC PERMIT HOLDER'S VESSEL.]

Substitute language for proposal 300:

Submitted by ADF&G at the request of Board Member Vince Webster:

5 AAC 30.331(a)(1) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(K) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.240(a), a person may assist in operation or transportation of additional set gillnet gear when the CFEC interim-use or entry permit card holder of the additional gear is present in compliance with 5 AAC 39.107;

Substitute language for proposal 277

Submitted by Juneau AC chairman, Mike Peterson

(g) Salmon may be taken by gear listed in 5 AAC 01.010(a) except as may be restricted on a personal use fishing permit and except as follows:

(1) in District 13, Redoubt Bay, gillnet or seine gear may not be used to take salmon in any waters of the bay closed to commercial salmon fishing;

(2) set gillnets may not be used to take salmon except

(A) in the mainstream and side channels, but not the tributaries, of the Chilkat River from the terminus to one mile upstream of Wells Bridge;

(B) in the Taku River drainage from the Taku River Lodge upstream to the United States/Canada border,

(i) salmon may be taken by set gillnets; **and**

(ii) dip nets may be used for the taking of sockeye salmon only, any other species of fish must be immediately returned to the water unharmed;

Mike Peterson

Chair - Juneau Douglas

Advisory Committee

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Brown.
March 1, 2012

Substitute language for **Proposal 199**

Makes superexclusive directed fishery registration for lingcod in Icy Bay Subdistrict apply to both vessels and permit holders.

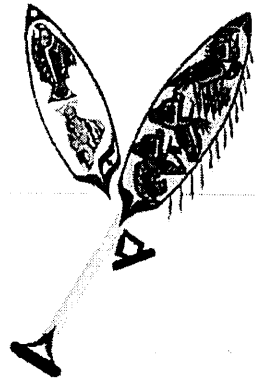
5 AAC 28.106. Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area registration. Apply superexclusive directed fishery registration for lingcod in the Icy Bay Subdistrict apply to both vessels and permit holders as follows:

(f) The Icy Bay Subdistrict is a superexclusive registration area for the directed commercial lingcod fishery. Notwithstanding 5 AAC 28.020(b) , a CFEC permit holder who participates in the directed commercial taking of lingcod in the Icy Bay Subdistrict may not participate or have participated in the directed commercial taking of lingcod as a CFEC permit holder in any other registration area or portion of a registration area during that calendar year. **A vessel used in the directed commercial taking of lingcod in the Icy Bay Subdistrict may not be used or have been used in the directed commercial taking of lingcod in any other registration area or portion of a registration area during that calendar year.**

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RESOLUTION 12-05

Request Board of Fish to revisit Proposal 301

WHEREAS, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (YTT) is the federally recognized governing body of the Tribal members of Yakutat, Alaska: which is comprised of the five clans of the Yakutat area and;

WHEREAS, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe can demonstrate a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced historically or prehistorically between the present-day Yakutat Tribes and earlier groups inhabiting the aboriginal territory and;

WHEREAS, the Tsui River Area from approximately Strawberry Point to Icy Bay is the traditional tribal land of the Gaaly'ax Kaagwaantaan, and;

WHEREAS, the historical boundaries of the Yakutat people have extended from Strawberry Point in Controller Bay to Lituya Bay and;

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Yakutat boundaries stretch from southern tip of Cape Suckling to Cape Fairweather, and;

WHEREAS, the fisherman from Yakutat have been Commercial Fishing on the Tsui River since 1932, and;

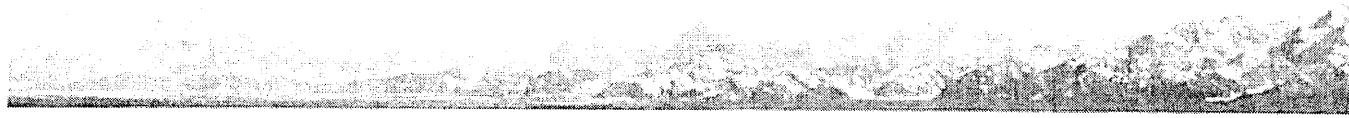
WHEREAS, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribal members and their families derive a majority of their livelihood from the rivers in the Yakutat Area and the depressed fishing economy requires Tribal members to fish more than one river in the Yakutat Area in order to make a living, and;

WHEREAS, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribal members and their families rely on and exercise their rights to commercial fish on the rivers in the Yakutat Area, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a substantial increase in sport fishing and guiding on the Yakutat Rivers, and;

WHEREAS, Board of Fish proposal 301 relocated the boundary for commercial fishing boundaries for the Tsui River; Upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers located one half of the distance between Duck Camp Island and the river terminus, and;

To preserve, maintain and protect the unique culture, land & resources of Yakutat Tlingit people
to maximize our social, health & well being while creating economic development benefits to all tribal members



Yakutat Tlingit Tribe


WHEREAS, the Board of Fish Proposal's new boundary would reduce the commercial fishing area from 2.7 miles to 1.5 miles on the Tsui River, and;

WHEREAS, over 50 percent of the 2011 commercial harvest catch came from the newly closed area, and;

WHEREAS, the new Board of Fish Proposal 301 will interfere with current commercial fishing harvest levels and the lively hood of the families involved

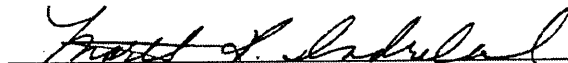
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe requests the Board of Fish to revisit Proposal 301 to consider this new information.

PASSED THIS 29TH DAY OF FEBUARY, 2012


Victoria L. Demmert, Tribal President

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I, Martha Indreland, am the Secretary of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe and that Council consists of five duly elected members, and that this Resolution No. 2012-05 was considered and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe at which a quorum of the members was present and voting, and that taken was _ For _ Against, and _ Abstaining.

ATTEST: 
Martha Indreland, Tribal Secretary



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February 29, 2012

Board of Fisheries

Re: Proposal 342 Implementation of Tax Assessment for Cost Recovery

Dear Chairman Johnstone and Board of Fish Members:

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) passed a resolution at its last board meeting on November 10, 2011 for implementation of a tax assessment per AS 16.10.455 as required by CFEC. Proposal 342 seeks to establish regulatory language necessary for implementation, which ADF&G has drafted as discussed in Committee D on February 29. ADF&G's language would supersede language submitted in PC#107.

NSRAA resolution #11-11-2011 supporting tax assessment is attached.

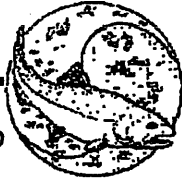
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**Resolution of the Northern Southeast
Regional Aquaculture
Association Board of Directors
#11-11-2011**

The NSRAA Board of Directors supports 2012 implementation of an assessment of the common property seine fishery for stocks returning to the Hidden Falls hatchery according to AS 16.10.455.

Adopted this day November 10, 2011 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Mc Dougall". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kevin Mc Dougall, President
NSRAA Board of Directors



New Information pertaining to reconsideration of Proposal 301

1. Yakutat Seafoods actively sells Blush and Redskin quality Gillnet coho from the Tsiu River per attachment.
2. The new ADFG markers per Proposal 301 will eliminate 13 Gillnet holes in a 3 mile long Tsiu River situation and 19 holes in a 4 mile long Tsiu River situation. Over 50% of the 2011 commercial catch came from the holes that would be eliminated. See attachment Google Earth.
3. Average income per permit in Yakutat Setnet fishery 2010 was \$16,989.00 CFEC has not released 2011 data.
4. 2010 Yakutat Setnet fishery income for the Tsiu River was \$284,560.31. Total permits fishing the Tsiu River was 16, average earnings per permit was \$17,785. Lose of 50% of earnings due to lost area to commercial fish would amount to \$8,892.50($\$17,785/2$) Based on average income per permit (see #3 above) this would amount to losing 52% of each permits annual income($\$8,892/\$16,989$)
5. Of the 16 permits that fished the Tsiu River in 2010, 11 are full time residents of Yakutat and of those 11 permits 7 are members of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this new information. Please contact me at 907-784-3392 at work or 907-784-3180 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Greg Indreland, Managing Owner Yakutat Seafoods.

Purchase Order

Calkins & Burke Ltd

Date Issued

12/6/11

Purchase Order #

41263

Please show this Purchase Order Number on all correspondence, invoices, shipping papers and packages

Double E Foods, LLC

3625 First Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98134
 Ph: (206) 768-8979 Fax: (206) 768-8985
 www.ecfoods.com

To:
 Yakutat Seafoods 2

Ship To:
Double E Foods, LLC
 801 South Fidalgo Street
 Suite 100
 Seattle, WA 98108

Vendor ID	Sales Order #	Cust Invoice #	Ship Via / FOB	Terms
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Quantity	Item	Inventory Lot Number / Description	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
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594.00	COH	#1 Frozen 6+ BL Coho H&G		
8,606.00	COH	#1 Frozen Un/6 RS Coho H&G		
1,433.00	COH	#1 Frozen 4+ Coho H&G		
408.00	COH	#1 Frozen 2/4 Coho H&G		
1,813.00	COH	#2 Frozen 6/9 Coho H&G		
4,848.00	COH	#2 Frozen 4/6 Coho H&G		
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1,250.00	COH	#2 Frozen 6+ Troll Coho H&G		
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TOTAL \$ 

Authorized Signature _____

1. Please send _____ copies of your invoice.
2. Order is to be entered in accordance with prices, delivery and specifications shown above.
3. Notify us immediately if you are unable to ship as specified.

Purchase Order

Date Issued

10/31/11

Purchase Order #

41082

Please show this Purchase Order Number on all correspondence, invoices, shipping papers and packages

Double E Foods, LLC

3625 First Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98134
 Ph: (206) 768-8979 Fax: (206) 768-8985
 www.eefoods.com

To:
 Yakutat Seafoods 2

Ship To:
 Double E Foods, LLC
 801 South Fidalgo Street
 Suite 100
 Seattle, WA 98108

Vendor ID	Sales Order #	Cust Invoice #	Ship Via / FOB	Terms
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11,274.00	COH	#1 6/9 Frozen Coho H&G GN		
3,750.00	COH	#1 6/9 Frozen Coho H&G TSIU		
11,250.00	COH	UN/6 Frozen Coho H&G GN BL		
6,250.00	COH	UN/6 Frozen Coho H&G GN BL		
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TOTAL \$

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Duck Island

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60° 4.462' N 143° 1.447' W elev 8 ft

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Substitute Language for proposal 276:

Submitted by the Craig AC, Chuck Haydu at the request of Board Member John Jensen

5 AAC 01.710(e) is amended to read:

(e) From July 7 through August 7, sockeye salmon may be taken in the waters of Klawock Inlet enclosed by a line from Klawock Light to the Klawock Oil Dock, [THE KLAWOCK RIVER,] and Klawock Lake only from 8:00 a.m. Monday until 5:00 p.m. Friday; **and in the Klawock River from July 7 through August 7, five days a week, closed Monday and Tuesday; from August 8, open seven days a week;**

If there were 19 places to actually fish in the upper river there would be plenty of room for everyone. As there are normally only 6 to 12 nets in the entire river. There are only about 4 good holes in the upper area.

It has been my observation that the nets that fish the upper holes do so for part of the year then move closer to the mouth of the river where the fish are more plentiful and less blush. Often moving nets in the same day.

The counts on the fish tickets do NOT account for this. It is very likely that IF those permits did indeed contribute 20% to the total catch, a good amount of those fish recorded came from other locations closer to the mouth of the river

I have also witnessed half full totes of fish move from net to net being filled along the way. When the hole peters out its time to move. They move because very few fish make it up the river past all the other nets at the mouth. Those holes will not fill back in with fish. So it is reasonable to state that there is no way to determine where the fish were actually caught.

It is also reasonable to state that the majority of the fresh fish are caught on the incoming and outgoing tides tide closer to the mouth of the river. As the tide comes and goes the netters are leap frogging each other for the best position. The nets can be moved many times in just a few hours. Which also complicates determining the location where the fish were actually caught.

Please refer to the public comments that in 2010 there was only about 1 mile of river to place nets because of low water and it was the 2nd largest catch of all time. About 80,000. With as many as 20 or more nets at times.

The Department agrees that the netters on those upper holes do pick up their gear and move to fish other locations throughout the season. **DISCLOSURE:** There is no Department data to support this. But it is widely known that is what historically happens.

Compromise options:

- a. Write the regulation so that the closed waters can be opened at the fisheries managers discretion. 9 out of 10 years the lower half of the river is where most of the fish are netted. 2010 they fished exclusively at the mouth. 2011 there was 50% effort above the half way point.
- b. Go back to the original proposal as written with the 500 yard closed at the mouth and closing 1.5 miles below Duck Camp Island. With stipulation that closed waters may be opened at managers discretion.
- c. Since those upper nets rarely use powered boats – keep all waters open to netting but no driving of the fish with powered boats in the upper half. According to Mr. Cain, enforcing who is actually driving fish and who is just doing donuts in front of a net for fun would not be possible.

Note: Closing only 400 yards more below the existing F & G marker is irrelevant. There are no holding pools in this area. Remember there are only about 4 good holes in the first 2.5 miles of river below the F & G marker. It is after that point there gets to many more areas to set net.

Thank you once again ☺ Dan Ernhart Tsiu River Coalition