

PROPOSAL 177 - 5 AAC 33.385. Mist Cove Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 40.042. Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Special Harvest Areas. Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Mist Cove Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations, as follows:

Mist Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA) shall remain open to sport salmon fishing, and to commercial trolling during the summer troll fishery, except for an area of Mist Cove SHA as follows: south of a line at 56° 31.07' N. lat., 134° 40.20' W. long., to a point at 56° 31.07' N. lat., 134° 40.12' W. long. shall be closed to common property fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), in consultation with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), closes a very small portion of its SHA to common property fishing each year via emergency order in order to provide safety to staff, and protect floats, barrier nets, net pens, and other infrastructure. In addition, the closure provides an area for protection of coho for economic harvest. NSRAA, in consultation with ADF&G, would like to codify this in regulation.

PROPOSED BY: Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (HQ-F14-009)

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Mist Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA) shall remain open to sport salmon fishing, and to commercial trolling during the summer troll fishery, except for an area of Mist Cove SHA as follows: south if a line at 56° 31.07' N. lat., 134° 40.20' W. long., to a point at 56° 31.07' N. lat., 134° 40.12' W. long., shall be closed to common property fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), closes a very small portion of its SHA to common property fishing each year, via emergency order in order to provide safety to staff, and protect floats, barrier nets, net pens, and other infrastructure. In addition, the closure provides an area for protection of coho for economic harvest. NSRAA in consultation with ADF&G would like to codify this in regulation.

PROPOSED BY: Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (HQ-F14-025)

PROPOSAL 179 - 5 AAC 33.374. District 12: Hidden Falls Hatchery Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 40.042. Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Special Harvest Areas. Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations, as follows:

Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) shall remain open to sport salmon fishing, and to commercial trolling during the summer troll fishery, except for a small portion of the SHA north and west of a line between a point of 57° 13.165' N. lat., 134° 51.859' W. long., and a point of 57° 13.079' N. lat., 134° 52.018' W. long., and the waters north of a line from 57° 13.051' N. lat., 134° 52.238' W. long., and a point of 57° 13.063' N. lat., 134° 52.202' W. long.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), closes a very small portion of its Kasnyku SHA to common property fishing each year. The commercial closure is via emergency order, while the sport closure has been done with posted ADF&G sport fish closure signs. NSRAA closes this area in order to provide safety to staff, and protect floats, barrier nets, net pens, and other infrastructure. In addition, the closure provides an area for protection of coho, Chinook, and chum salmon for broodstock purposes and for economic harvest. NSRAA, in consultation with ADF&G, would like to codify this in regulation.

PROPOSED BY: Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (HQ-F14-010)

PROPOSAL 180 - 5 AAC 33.374. District 12: Hidden Falls Hatchery Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 40.042. Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Special Harvest Areas. Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations, as follows:

Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) shall remain open to sport salmon fishing, and to commercial trolling during the summer troll fishery, except a small portion of the SHA north and west of a line between a point at 57° 13.165' N. lat., 134° 51.859' W. long., and a point at 57° 13.051' N. lat., 134° 52.238' W. long., and a point 57° 13.063' N. lat., 134° 52.202' W. long., shall be closed to common property fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), in consultation with ADF&G, closes a very small portion of its Kasnyku SHA to common property fishing each year. The commercial closure is via emergency order, while the sport closure has been done with posted ADF&G sport fish

closure signs. NSRAA closes this area in order to provide an area for protection of coho, Chinook, and chum salmon for broodstock purposes and for economic harvest. NRSAA, in consultation with ADF&G, would like to codify this in regulation

PROPOSED BY: Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (HQ-F14-026)

PROPOSAL 181 - 5 AAC 40.XXX. District 6: Neck Lake Special Harvest Area. Establish a Neck Lake Special Harvest Area, as follows:

5 AAC 40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 AAC 40.XXX. District 6: Neck Lake Special Harvest Area. (a) There is established a Neck Lake Special Harvest Area for the Southern Southeast Aquaculture Association harvest of hatchery salmon returns to the Neck Lake remote release site, consisting of the waters of Whale Pass north and west of a line from 56° 05.55' N. latitude, 133°07.30' W. longitude, to 56°05.82' N. latitude, 133°06.58' W. longitude.

(b) A hatchery permit holder harvesting salmon within the special harvest area is exempt from the provisions of 5 AAC 33.310. The open fishing season and area for the hatchery permit holder is from June 15 through August 31 in those waters of the Neck Creek upstream of the beginning of the fish pass. Additional fishing periods and area may be established by emergency order.

(c) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 33.330, legal gear for the hatchery permit holder in the special harvest area is a weir, dip nets, or beach seines. Additional gear may be established by emergency order.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Cost recovery on Neck Lake remote-released hatchery salmon by the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association has been conducted annually by emergency order since 1998. The project is successful and is expected to occur annually in the future. Establishing a Neck Lake Special Harvest Area with harvest parameters will eliminate the need to issue an emergency order every year.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F14-086)

PROPOSAL 182 - 5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. Modify fishing ratios and sunset date in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan (a) The intent of this management plan is to distribute the harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in the area described in (b) of this section between the purse seine, drift gillnet, and troll fleets.

(b) The department, in consultation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), shall open and close, by emergency order, fishing seasons and periods to manage the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56_ 59.35' N. lat., 135_ 22.63' W. long., to the westernmost tip of

Long Island, to the easternmost tip of Long Island, to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island, to the westernmost tip of Error Island, to the westernmost tip of Berry Island, to the southernmost tip of Berry Island, to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group, to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group, to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57_ 00.30' N. lat., 135_ 17.67' W. long., to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57_ 00.08' N. lat., 135_ 16.78' W. long., and then to a point on the Baranof Island shore at 56_ 59.93' N. lat., 135_ 16.53' W. long., as follows:

(1) salmon may be taken by seines and drift gillnets only during periods established by emergency order as follows:

(A) openings for seines and gillnets must be rotated between net gear groups; the department, in consultation with NSRAA, shall close fishing between openings;

(B) the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is two to one, except that beginning with the first emergency order of the XXX season through the last emergency order of the XXX season[2012 SEASON THROUGH THE LAST EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE 2014 SEASON], the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is XXX TO XXX [ONE TO ONE] after the third Sunday in June;

(2) salmon may be taken by troll gear when the waters described in this subsection are closed to commercial net gear;

(3) the commissioner shall close the seasons in the waters described in this subsection to trolling during hatchery cost recovery periods;

(4) before July 1, in order to protect local sockeye salmon stocks, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen the fishing season during which the minimum mesh size of a gillnet in the drift gillnet fishery is six inches.

(c) A drift gillnet operated in the terminal harvest area may not exceed 200 fathoms in length.

(d) The waters described in (b) of this section, west of 135_ 20.75' W. long., will be closed to purse seine and drift gillnet gear beginning with the first emergency order of the season through the third Saturday in June.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Joint Southeast Regional Planning team (JSERPT) has submitted this placeholder proposal as a way for the board to address imbalances in the enhanced salmon allocation management plan in Southeast Alaska (5 AAC 33.364). The current regulation was a proposal submitted by the JSERPT last board cycle and will sunset in 2014. The JSERPT will be considering recommendations to the board regarding this new proposal and other enhanced salmon allocation proposals at its fall 2014 meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Joint Southeast Regional Planning Team

(EF-C14-172)

PROPOSAL 183 - 5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:

Proposed language:

(B) the time ratio for gillnet to seine time is two to one, except that beginning with the first emergency order of the 2015 season through the last emergency order of the last year in the S.E. Alaska finfish Board of Fisheries cycle, the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is one to one after the third Sunday in June through statistical week 30. Commencing statistical week 31, gillnet to seine time will be two to one, respectively. If preliminary 2015 season S.E. Enhanced Allocation numbers indicate the seine fleet will be within their range (44% - 49%) for enhanced salmon based on the 5 year rolling average, the following season (2016) the gillnet to seine ratio will be 2-1, respectively from the first emergency order to the last of that season. If the following year (2016) brings the five year rolling average of the seine fleet below their range, the gillnet to seine ratio shall be 1-1 from the third Sunday in June through statistical 30, and 2-1 starting statistical week 31 through the end of the season. The latest preliminary allocation numbers as determined by NSRAA data analysis and verified by ADF&G from the previous season will be used to determine the following year rotation schedule. This section will sunset at the end of the 2015 board cycle. [2012 SEASON THROUGH THE LAST EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE 2014 SEASON, THE TIME RATIO FOR GILLNET OPENINGS TO SEINE OPENINGS IS ONE TO ONE AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The seine and driftnet fleets, as part of an overarching agreement, have determined that a change in rotation access is appropriate for the coming board cycle.

PROPOSED BY: United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters and Southeast Alaska Seiners
(EF-C14-162)

PROPOSAL 184 - 5 AAC 33.377. District 2: Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. Open Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear, as follows:

5 AAC 33.337. DISTRICT 2: KENDRICK BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) The management plan in this section allows for the harvest of hatchery produced chum salmon in Kendrick Bay by purse seine and troll fleets.

(b).....and set the fishing times for the seine and troll fleets concurrently as follows: salmon may be taken by seine and troll only during periods established by emergency order.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? All of Southern SE Regional Aquaculture's (SSRAA's) special harvest areas (SHA) including Neets Bay, Anita Bay, and Nakat Inlet, are generally open to troll gear whenever they are open for common

property harvest by any gear type except for the Kendrick Bay SHA. This is stated specifically in the regulations for Anita Bay (5 AAC 33.383) and Nakat Inlet (5 AAC 33.372) and has been done as a common practice in Neets Bay (5 AAC 33.370) except in those instances where there is a specific rotation that includes troll as part of that rotation or opens a specific areas of Neets Bay concurrently to troll with a net gear rotation elsewhere in the SHA. The SSRAA Board proposes opening the Kendrick Bay SHA to troll gear whenever the SHA is otherwise open to seine.

While troll gear does not compete effectively with seine gear there may be instances where trollers find some meaningful use of the Kendrick SHA. These would include trolling in the outer portion of McLean Arm which is adjacent to a spring access chinook fishery — particularly during periods of bad weather. It is also possible, though not likely, that trollers could access chum salmon in the SHA in the event openings for seine were not well attended. Trollers also find safe anchorage in the SHA during periods of bad weather and would simply like to troll to and from that anchorage. And, the SSRAA Board, recognizing a long-term imbalance in the allocation of enhanced fish, would like to make the inclusion of troll gear consistent for all of its SHA's.

PROPOSED BY: John Burke for SSRAA Board of Directors (EF-C14-036)

PROPOSAL 185 - 5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. Change fishing ratios and sunset date in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan (a)
The Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area consists of the waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point to 56_ 14.26' N. lat., 132_ 23.92' W. long.

(b) The commissioner shall open and close, by emergency order, fishing seasons and periods to manage the common property fisheries to harvest excess salmon returning to the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area. The Terminal Harvest Area will be opened and closed under this subsection to the harvest of salmon as follows:

(1) The waters within one-quarter mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56_ 12.31' N. lat., 132_ 26.22' W. long. to 56_ 12.06' N. lat., 132_ 26.22' W. long., and east of a line from 56_ 11.96' N. lat., 132_ 29.58' W. long. to 56_ 11.73' N. lat., 132_ 29.36' W. long., will be open from June 15 through July 10;

(2) The waters south and west of the waters specified in (1) of the subsection, will be closed as follows:

(A) from June 15 through June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area that are west of 132_ 26.22' W. long. will be closed to the harvest of salmon;

(B) from June 26 through July 1, the waters of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area that are west of 132_ 26.98' W. long. will be closed to the harvest of salmon;

(C) from July 2 through July 10, the waters of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area that are west of 132_ 28.00' W. long. will be closed to the harvest of salmon

(3) the waters within the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest not described in (1) and (2) of this subsection will be open for the entire fishing season.

(c) This management plan distributes the harvest of hatchery-produced king, coho, and chum salmon among the purse seine, troll, and gillnet fisheries when there are excess fish not being harvested by the hatchery operator. (

d) The department shall manage the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area from May 1 through November 10 to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery-produced king, coho, and chum salmon as follows:

(1) salmon may be taken by troll gear at any time;

(2) salmon may be taken by seines and drift gillnets only during periods established by emergency order;

(3) in establishing emergency order season openings for the seine and drift gillnet fisheries, the department shall rotate openings between these gear groups and shall provide for a time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings of two to one; however, if approximately equal numbers of salmon are not being harvested by the two gear groups, the ratio and timing of openings may be altered, and beginning with the first emergency order of the **XXX season through the last emergency order of the XXX season**[2012 SEASON THROUGH THE LAST EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE 2014 SEASON], the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is **XXX to XXX** [ONE TO ONE].

(e) A drift gillnet operated in the terminal harvest area may not exceed 200 fathoms in length.

(f) Salmon may be taken in the terminal harvest area under sport and personal use fishing regulations at any time. A personal use permit issued under [5 AAC 77.682](#) for the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area shall include the following conditions:

(1) salmon may be taken for personal use only by drift gillnet;

(2) a drift gillnet operated for personal use may not exceed 50 fathoms in length;

(3) the annual bag and possession limit for personal use is 25 salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Joint Southeast Regional Planning team (JSERPT) has submitted this placeholder proposal as a way for the board to address imbalances in the enhanced salmon allocation management plan in Southeast Alaska (5 AAC 33.364). The current regulation was a proposal submitted by the JSERPT last board cycle and will sunset in 2014. The JSERPT will be considering recommendations to the board regarding this new proposal and other enhanced salmon allocation proposals at its fall 2014 meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Joint Southeast Regional Planning Team (EF-C14-170)

PROPOSAL 186 - 5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:

Proposed language:

(d) The department shall manage the Anita Bay terminal harvest area (THA) from May 1 through November 10 to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery-produced king, coho, and chum salmon as follows:

(3) in establishing emergency order season openings for the seine and drift gillnet fisheries, the department shall rotate openings between these gear groups and shall provide for a time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings of two to one, **respectively**; however, **the ratio and timing of openings may be altered, beginning with the first emergency order of the 2015 season through statistical week 30, the time ratio for gillnet opening to seine openings is 1-1. Commencing statistical week 31, the time ratio gillnet openings to seine openings is 2-1. If preliminary numbers indicate the seine fleet will in all likelihood be within their enhanced allocation range for one year on a 5 year rolling average, the following year the drift gillnet to seine ratio will be 2-1 from the first emergency order opening through the final of the season. If the following year brings the seine fleet below their allocation range for 1 year on a 5 year rolling average, the gillnet to seine ratio will be 1-1 from the first emergency order of the season through statistical week 30, and starting with statistical week 31 gillnet to seine ratio of 2-1 until the end of August, when the season will return to the normal 24 hour seven day a week all gear groups schedule. The latest NSRAA preliminary numbers, verified by ADF&G from the previous season will be used to determine the following season's rotation schedule. This section will sunset at the end of the 2015 board cycle.** [IF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL NUMBERS OF SALMON ARE NOT BEING HARVESTED BY THE TWO GEAR GROUPS, THE RATIO AND TIMING OF OPENINGS MAY BE ALTERED, AND BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE 2012 SEASON THROUGH THE LAST EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE 2014 SEASON, THE TIME RATIO FOR GILLNET OPENINGS TO SEINE OPENINGS IS ONE TO ONE.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Anita Bay THA net rotations. The seiners and gillnetters want to change the fishing time for the next cycle to accommodate each other in a cooperative, overall agreement on allocative issues. This is a joint proposal by United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters and Southeast Alaska Seiners.

PROPOSED BY: United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters and Southeast Alaska Seiners
(EF-C14-161)

PROPOSAL 187 - 5 AAC 33.387. District 9: Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan. Allow commercial salmon drift gillnet gear in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:

Proposed language:

(d) the management plan in this section distributes the harvest of hatchery-produced chum salmon among the purse seine, troll, **and drift gillnet fisheries** when there are excess fish not being harvested by the hatchery operator.

(e) The department shall manage the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery-produced chum salmon as follows:

(1) the gear group that is **farthest below** [FURTHEST FROM] that gear group's allocation of enhanced salmon will begin with the first rotation.

(2) purse seine openings will be limited to a maximum of two fishing days per week in the terminal harvest area in order to harvest surplus of chum salmon;

(3) troll openings will be limited to a maximum of five fishing days per week in the terminal harvest area in order to harvest surplus chum salmon;

(4) drift gillnet openings will be limited to a maximum of two fishing days per week in the terminal harvest area in order to harvest a surplus of chum salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Include drift gillnet in Southeast Cove terminal harvest area management plan as a tool to facilitate corrections to enhanced allocation imbalances that may occur in the future. The following management plan includes days and time but the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association board will determine which groups should fish if a fishery is developed. It may be a case where one or possibly even two gear groups do not fish in the area for an entire year if there is only trolling and cost recovery. We recognize this. We are simply recognizing the drift gillnet fleets potential and variable opportunity as we would any groups opportunity as defined by the enhanced salmon allocation plan.

PROPOSED BY: United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters and Southeast Alaska Seiners
(EF-C14-164)

PROPOSAL 188 - 5 AAC 33.387. District 9: Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan. Modify commercial seine and troll fishing schedules in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:

(e) The department shall manage the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery produced chum salmon as follows:

[(1) THE GEAR GROUP THAT IS FURTHEST FROM THAT GEAR GROUP'S ALLOCATION OF ENHANCED SALMON WILL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST ROTATION;

(2) PURSE SEINE OPENINGS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO FISHING DAYS PER WEEK IN THE TERMINAL HARVEST AREA IN ORDER TO HARVEST SURPLUS CHUM SALMON;

(3) TROLL OPENINGS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE FISHING DAYS PER WEEK IN THE TERMINAL HARVEST AREA IN ORDER TO HARVEST SURPLUS CHUM SALMON.]

(1) Seining may be allowed by emergency order from the third Sunday in June through July 8 and from July 31 through the first Saturday in August.

(2) Trolling may be allowed by emergency order from July 9 through July 30.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In order to achieve harvest levels sufficient to make substantial progress towards reducing the allocation imbalance, trollers need a sufficient density of fish over a large enough area to allow the fleet to work without interfering with one another. A regular seine rotation would prevent the buildup to fish required for this to happen. Rather than two days per week for seiners and five day for trollers, we propose that beginning with 2017, the troll days be grouped in a single block to allow this build up to occur.

Trollers have remained well below their allocation under *The Southeast Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan* (5 AAC 33.364) for many years. These allocation ranges were established to ensure a “fair and reasonable distribution of the harvest of salmon from enhancement projects among the seine, troll and gillnet commercial fisheries.” At least with regard to the troll fleet, the actual harvest has fallen well short of the fair share of 27-32% provided.

Furthermore, in Findings 94-11, the Board of Fisheries agreed with the consensus recommendation of the State Allocation Task Force that when the value of a gear group’s harvest over a trailing five year period has been outside of this distribution for three consecutive years, the first course of action is to make an adjustment to access of terminal harvest area fisheries in order to achieve the board prescribed balance. This trigger has been met for nearly two decades so additional troll access in this terminal harvest area and others is clearly due.

The second course of action to remedy an allocation imbalance under Board of Fisheries Findings 94-11 is the additional production of enhanced salmon to benefit the gear group(s) below allocation. The Southeast Cove release has been recently increased to approximately double previous numbers, so many of the returning adults will be new production.

PROPOSED BY: Chum Trollers Association (HQ-F14-059)
