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Proposal for protection of weak stocks of North AK Peninsula sockeye salmon runs

Substitute Language for Proposal 206

The Board directs the Department to conserve Bear and Nelson River sockeye salmon stocks through the use of time and area closures in the OPH, Ilnik, and Three Hills Sections of the Northern District of the North Alaska Peninsula. These closures would occur by using a sequential, rolling closures along a strip from 1.5 to 3 nm offshore for one day per week per Section. The closure starts NE and moves SW from OPH (317-10) through to Bear River (315-11).

The resulting closure is a 1.5 – 3 nm section that is closed one day in each section; after the day that a section is closed, it reopens for the remainder of the week out to 3 nm, if the department allows it.

This will be in effect from June 20 to July 31 each fishing season.