

Fishery Management Report No. 11-33 South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Annual Management Report, 2010

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SOUTH UNIMAK AND SHUMAGIN ISLANDS JUNE FISHERIES

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In January 2001, the BOF modified the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June salmon fishery management plan. These modifications were in effect through the 2003 season and included the elimination of the sockeye salmon GHL and the chum salmon cap. From June 10 through June 24, fishing time for any gear group was limited to a maximum of 16 hours per day. In addition, there were constraints, by gear type, on the number of consecutive fishing days allowed within a seven day period (Appendix B2). After June 24, in either the South Unimak or Shumagin Islands fisheries, if the ratio of sockeye to chum salmon, for all gear combined, was 2:1 or less on any day, the next fishing period was six hours in duration for all gear groups in that fishery. If the ratio of sockeye to chum salmon was 2:1 or less for two consecutive fishing periods in either fishery, the season was closed for the remainder of June for all gear groups. If the sockeye to chum salmon ratio was greater than 2:1, a six-hour fishing period could be extended to a maximum of 16 hours.

In February 2004, the BOF modified the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fisheries Management Plan* (5 AAC 09.365) by establishing a fishing schedule that began at 6:00 AM on June 7 and ended at 10:00 PM on June 29. Fishing periods were 88 hours in duration interspersed by 32-hour closures, except for the final fishing period, of 64 hours. This schedule provided 416 hours of concurrent opportunity for all gear types (Appendix B3). In addition, the South Unimak fishery was expanded to include the entire Southwestern District and the West and East Pavlof Bay sections of the South Central District (Appendix B4).

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