

PROPOSAL 127 – 5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts; and 5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters. Expand the commercial fishing area of Yukon Area District 1, as follows:

We recommend that the area open to commercial fishing be expanded to include the area between latitudes of Point Romanof and Apoon Pass. Draft regulatory language follows:

5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts. (a) District 1 consists of that portion of the Yukon River drainage from **Point Romanof [ITS TERMINUS AT APOON PASS]** extending **south and** west [AND SOUTH] along the coast of the delta to the terminus of Black River upstream to the northern edge of the mouth of the Anuk River and all waters of the Black River.

5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters. Salmon may not be taken in the following waters:

(2) waters farther than one nautical mile seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 from **Point Romanof [APOON PASS]** extending **south and** west [AND SOUTH] to a line extending seaward from an ADF&G regulatory marker located on the beach approximately one nautical miles south from the mouth of Black River, except that in Acharon Channel of the south mouth of the Yukon River the closed waters are those waters farther than two and one-half nautical miles from a line bearing 285_ extending from an ADF&G regulatory marker located below Chris Point to the opposite side of the channel;

(new number) Pastolik River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We seek the Alaska Board of Fisheries to expand the area open to commercial fishing at the mouth of the Yukon River to include that portion from Apoon Pass to Point Romanof. Opening this area to fishing will alleviate crowding in the traditional set net area near the North Mouth of the Yukon River, caused by changes in the river mouth environment.

Because of a buildup of silted in areas of the coast, set net fishermen have less opportunity than they have had in the past. This has been an ongoing problem due to shifting channels. Extending the area open to commercial fishery will help to alleviate this problem.

In addition, we ask that the Pastolik River be closed to commercial salmon fishing because it is a small stock and the quality of those fish would be poor for commercial sale.

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