

PROPOSAL 174 – 5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan. In July and August close Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries between Castle Cape and Kupreanof Peninsula when the Southeastern District Mainland is closed to commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, as follows:

When there is low escapement in the SEDM area and the set netters aren't able to fish, Chignik fishermen are shut down and are not able to harvest salmon from Castle Cape to Kupreanof Peninsula in Area L.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? During the months of July and August if there is insufficient escapement in the SEDM and the set net fishermen are shut down and cannot fish then the fishermen in Area L, Chignik area should also be shut down so that escapement goals can be met in the SEDM area.

Chignik fishermen are intercepting salmon bound for streams in the SEDM.

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