

PROPOSAL 210 – 5 AAC 39.212 Forage Fish Management Plan. Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production, as follows:

5 AAC 39.212 is amended to read:

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(f) Directed forage fish fisheries on species listed or exempt from this plan, for the purpose of fish meal production, are prohibited.

(g)[(f)] For the purposes of this section, "forage fish" means the following species of fish:

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Demand for fish meal in the last 10–15 years from expanding agriculture and aquaculture production has tripled prices of fish meal. This increase in demand has significant potential to lead to creation of direct fish meal fisheries on Alaska’s forage fish. Allowing these types of fisheries to be established would; (1) negatively affect Alaska salmon prices, other fisheries that depend on herring, sand lance and smelt as a prey species, and the ecosystem as a whole and (2) be contradictory to Alaska’s position on farmed salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Sitka Tribe of Alaska

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