

PROPOSAL 211 – 5 AAC 39.212. Forage Fish Management Plan. Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish, as follows:

5 AAC 39.212. Forage Fish Management Plan is amended to read:

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(f) The production of fish meal from whole forage fish, listed or exempt from this plan, is 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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