

**PROPOSAL 24 – 5 AAC 06.100. Description of Area and 5 AAC 09.100. Description of Area.** Move all waters of the Northern District east of the latitude of Cape Seniavin from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area, as follows (*This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.*):

I propose that Area T, Bristol Bay, be recognized as starting at Cape Seniavin, and managed as such. The genetics of WASSIP clearly show that the vast majority of salmon caught above Cape Seniavin are bound for Bristol Bay. Port Heiden is recognized as part of Area T. I suggest that the Entry Commission inadvertently misdrew the divide between Area T and Area M. If you want to catch Bristol Bay fish, buy a Bristol Bay permit.

Alternatively, Area M fishing opportunity and area could be gradually curtailed within this zone.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I am addressing the indiscriminate interception of Bristol Bay bound salmon. Area M fishing openers are specifically targeting Bristol Bay salmon stocks without adequate regard to escapement requirements. Bristol Bay stocks are managed through small terminus fisheries with strict adherence to the state's constitutional directive of sustainable fisheries. This sustainability is only guaranteed through the use of intense scientific and management procedures and tools. Decades ago the ADF&G recognized interceptive fisheries as dangerous to the health of salmon stocks and set in motion actions to curtail such fisheries. Area M intercepting Bristol Bay salmon is in violation of such mandatory efforts. Bristol Bay salmon must be managed for OEG's, not by "windows".

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