PROPOSAL 134 – 5 AAC 01.150. Description of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area; 5 AAC 01.200. Description of Yukon Area; 5 AAC 04.100. Description of Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area; 5 AAC 04.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts; 5 AAC 05.100. Description of Yukon Area; and 5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts. Change the boundary line separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and Yukon Area at Point Romanof in area and district descriptions, as follows:

5 AAC 01.150. Description of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. The Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost tip of Cape Prince of Wales and a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long., including the waters of Alaska surrounding St. Lawrence Island and those waters draining into the Bering Sea.

5 AAC 01.200. Description of Yukon Area. The Yukon Area includes all waters of Alaska between a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long. and the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula, including those waters draining into the Bering Sea.

5 AAC 04.100. Description of Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. The Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost tip of Cape Prince of Wales and a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long., including the waters of Alaska surrounding St. Lawrence Island and those waters draining into the Bering Sea.

5 AAC 04.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts.

(b) The Norton Sound District consists of all waters between the latitude of the westernmost tip of Cape Douglas and a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long. The following are the regulatory subdistricts of the Norton Sound District:

... 5 AAC 05.100. Description of Yukon Area. The Yukon Area includes all waters of Alaska between a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long. and the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula, including those waters draining into the Bering Sea.

5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts.
(h) Coastal District: all waters between the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula and a line extending 315° northwest from [THE LATITUDE OF] Point Romanof at 63° 12.16' N. lat., 162° 49.72' W. long, not included in (a) – (f) of this section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current boundary description using the latitude of Point Romanof separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and the Yukon Area bisects part of the Yukon River delta, which is part of the Yukon Area. Changing the description will more clearly separate the two fishing areas and reduce potential confusion.

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