

Alaska Board of Fisheries
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811

January 15, 2018

Re: USAG and SEAS BOF 2018 Agreement

USAG agrees to amend 157 as follows:

5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.

(a) During July, the department may allow the operation of purse seines in District 12 north of Point Marsden to harvest pink salmon migrating northward in Chatham Strait only as follows:

(1) the department may open only those portions of the area in which a harvestable abundance of pink salmon is observed; open areas and times must consider conservation concerns for all species in the area;

(2) the department shall close the seine fishery in District 12 north of Point Marsden through July 22 after 15,000 wild sockeye salmon are taken; hatchery produced sockeye salmon will not count against the 15,000 sockeye salmon harvest limit; all wild sockeye salmon harvested by seine vessels that the department identifies as fishing north of Point Marsden through July 22 fishing period when other areas are open concurrently will be counted against the 15,000 sockeye salmon harvest limit under this paragraph; during the openings, the department will use aerial flyovers, on-the-ground sampling, and interviews to estimate the sockeye harvest north of Point Marsden.

(b) Salmon may be taken during emergency order openings for chum salmon in Excursion Inlet only in waters of Section 14-C north of the latitude of the northern tip of the Porpoise Islands. The commissioner may open the area by emergency order only after consideration of concerns for chum and coho salmon conservation. these changes will sunset after 2020.

Proposal 141: amended to the following

Anita Bay THA rotational schedule

- 1 to 1 seine to gillnet

Deep Inlet rotational schedule

- 2018 1 to 2 gillnet to seine
- 2019 and 2020 1 to 1 gillnet to seine

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters agrees to withdraw USAG-sponsored BOF proposals specifically:

- Pull proposal 154, 156, 169 and 170

Southeast Alaska Seiners Association agrees to withdraw all SEAS-sponsored proposals specifically:

- Pull proposals 140, 143, 145, 153, 155

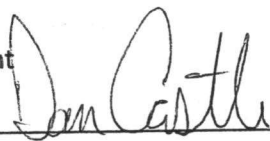
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association agrees to not oppose 139 or 150

USAG and SEAS further agree each entity will OPPOSE any group or individuals who support the above listed proposals. Any attempt to interfere or deviate from this agreement makes the agreement void.

USAG and SEAS agree to oppose proposals 142, 146, 158, 167, 168, 166

SEAS President

Dan Castle

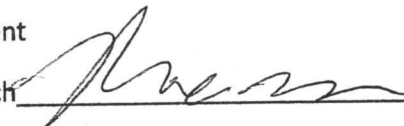


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USAG President

Max Worhatch



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