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Board of Fish Members,

SEAFA would like to request that Proposal #160 be amended as follows:

5AAC 33.350 Closed Waters – add new section (q)

(q) the AWC streams within the following terminal harvest area (THA) listed below will remain open to commercial salmon fishing up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks, or as marked by ADF&G regulatory markers; the provisions of 5 AAC 39.290 do not apply.

Boat Harbor - AWC stream #115-10-10500

This particular stream being exempted is important because:

The inside area of Boat Harbor is so small that it is impossible to fish this very small area without being within the 500 yards of the stream. The dimensions of this area is approximately ½ mile by ½ mile. Two nets will actually overlap in the middle if set from the beach out. This area is open to the gillnetters seven days a week starting the beginning week of the fishing season by regulation. We have fished this area for over 25 years. According to the Table 160-1 this stream is listed in the catalog only for the presence of coho.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director