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# Alaska Peninsula Alaska BOF Proposals February 2019

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC)  
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## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE CHIGNIK COMMUNITY

- BBEDC supports the efforts of the Chignik communities in rebuilding the sockeye salmon runs that originate in the Chignik-Black Lakes system that drain into Chignik Lagoon.
- BBEDC supports, in concept, those Alaska Peninsula proposals that restrict fisheries that intercept Chignik-origin sockeye salmon, such as, Proposals 128, 134, 135, 136, 137, and 138.
- BBEDC opposes, in concept, those Alaska Peninsula proposals that liberalize fisheries that intercept Chignik-origin sockeye salmon, such as, Proposals 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 139, 140, 141, 142, and 143.

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## PROPOSAL 135

### Proposed by:

Fairbanks Fish and Game AC

Repeal and replace the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan so that the plan is similar to that in effect from 2001 to 2003.

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## PROPOSAL 135

[5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan](#)

- Excessive harvest of migrating discrete stocks of concern in the Cook Inlet, Bristol Bay, and AYK areas.

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## PROPOSAL 135



5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan

### What Would This Proposal Do?

- This proposal would:
  1. reduced seine and drift GN fishing time by 59%, from 352 hours to 144 hours ; and
  2. reduce set GN time by 19%, from 416 hours to 336 hours.



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Current Regulations							hrs / week	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Set GN	Drift GN&PS
						1	0	0
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	42	0
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	134	106
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	106	136
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	134	110
30							0	0
Totals							416	352

 Set GN Fishing Schedule
  Seine & Drift GN Fishing Schedule

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Proposals 135							hrs / week	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Set GN	Drift GN&PS
						1	0	0
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	0	0
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	96	48
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	112	48
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	112	48
30							16	0
Totals							336	144

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## PROPOSAL 135

### SUPPORT

- Bristol Bay sockeye salmon contributes a substantial percentage to the harvest of all Districts within the South Peninsula June fisheries.
- During the WASSIP Years, this fishery harvested an average of over 1M Bristol Bay-origin salmon.
- During the WASSIP years, this fishery harvested an average of 140K salmon Chignik-origin salmon, with an associated average harvest rate of approximately 7%.
- Area M fishermen continually seek to increase fishing time and area in all fisheries of the Alaska Peninsula.
- Reduced fishing time with windows where no fishing gear is in the water will allow discrete stocks of fish to move through the fishery.

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## PROPOSAL 135

### SUPPORT

- BBEDC supports, in concept, those Alaska Peninsula proposals that restrict fisheries that intercept Chignik-origin sockeye salmon, such as, Proposals 128, 134, **135**, 136, 137, and 138.

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## PROPOSAL 144

### Proposed by:

Lower Bristol Bay AC

### What would this proposal do?

When the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less, this proposal would close commercial salmon fishing from 1.5 nm to 3 nm in the Outer Port Heiden and Ilnik sections and reduce the size of this section

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## PROPOSAL 144

[5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan](#)

### What is the Issue?

- Sharing the conservation of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon. Currently, in both Ilnik and the Outer Port Heiden Sections, conservation action on Bristol Bay salmon is only taken after a conservation closure occurs in Bristol Bay.

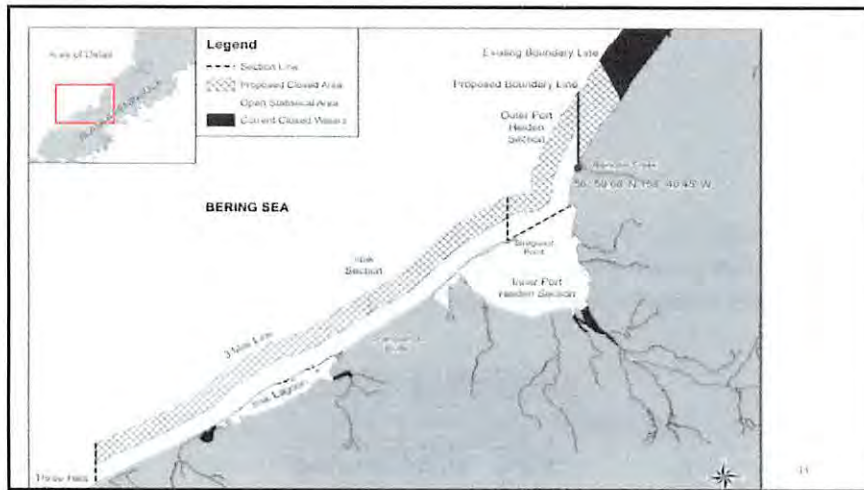
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## Northern District Management Plan

[5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan](#)

- (i) *...If the commissioner closes the portion of the Egegik District as specified in 5 AAC 06.359(c) for the conservation of Ugashik River sockeye salmon stocks, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the Outer Port Heiden Section, and immediately reopen the Outer Port Heiden Section, with additional fishing restrictions that the commissioner determines necessary.*
- (j) *In the Ilnik Section,*
  - (1)(B) *if the commissioner closes that portion of the Egegik District specified in 5 AAC 06.359(c) for conservation of Ugashik River sockeye salmon stocks, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the Ilnik Section and immediately reopen the Ilnik Section, with additional fishing restrictions that the commissioner determines necessary;*
- The delayed fishery management conservation action in the Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden Sections will no doubt cause the conservation of Bristol Bay salmon to be misapportioned to the Bristol Bay fishers during times of low Bristol Bay-origin runs

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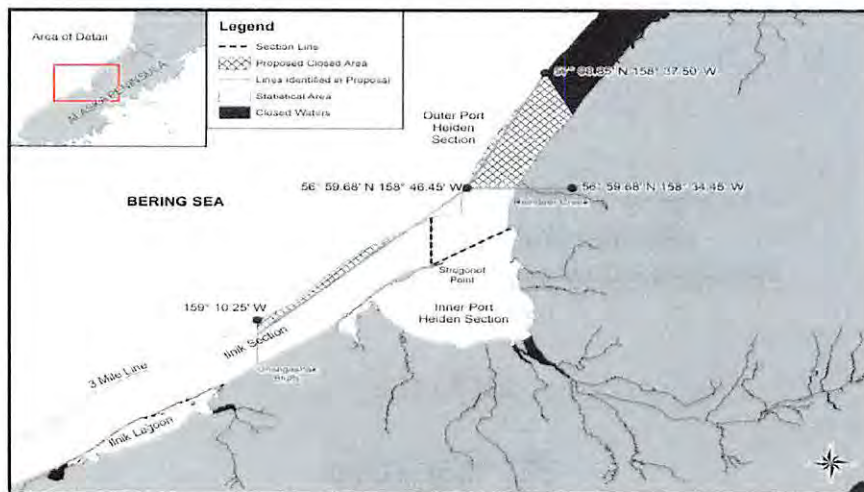
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### Difference in Proposed OPH Boundary

- It is my understanding that the intent of the Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee was to have the Proposed Northern OPH Boundary line on the latitudinal line, not the longitudinal line
- As portrayed by ADF&G, the longitudinal boundary line opens a triangle-shaped open area above the latitudinal line. This area may be congested with fishermen attempting to get as north as possible to intercept Bristol Bay-origin salmon.

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- This would provide management with a tool to conserve Bristol Bay-origin salmon in a more timely manner
- The conservation of Bristol Bay salmon would be shared among all users who harvest Bristol Bay salmon when the runs are low.

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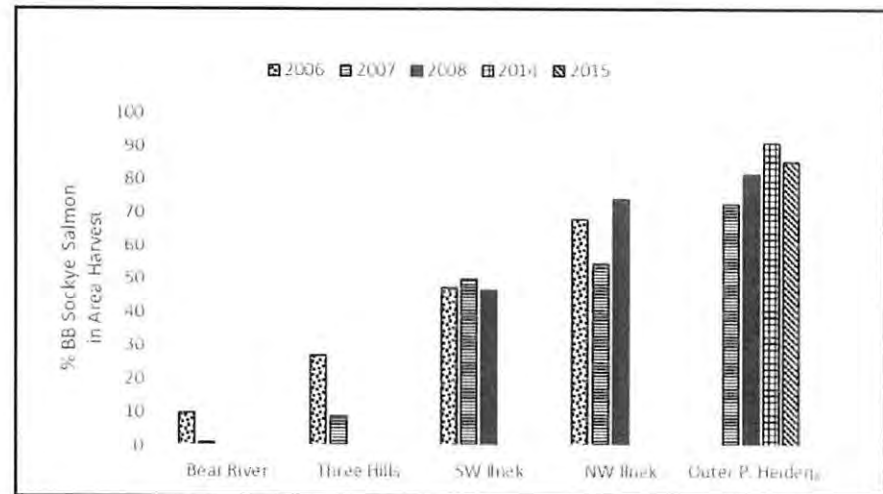
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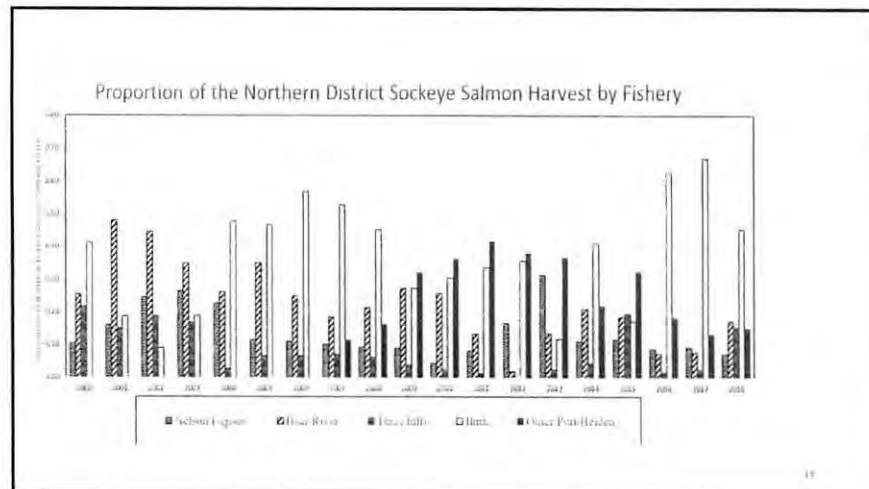
- (j) In the Ilnik Section,
  - from June 20 through July 20,
    - (A) commercial salmon fishing will be permitted in the Ilnik Section (i) southwest of the Unangashak Bluffs based on the abundance of Ilnik River sockeye salmon; and
    - (ii) northeast of the Unangashak Bluffs based on the abundance of Meshik River and Ilnik River sockeye salmon, combined;
- (l) The Outer Port Heiden Section is open from June 20 through July 31 to commercial salmon fishing in those waters west of a line from 57\_05.52' N. lat., 158\_34.45' W. long. to 57\_08.85' N. lat., 158\_37.50' W. long. based on the abundance of Meshik River sockeye salmon.

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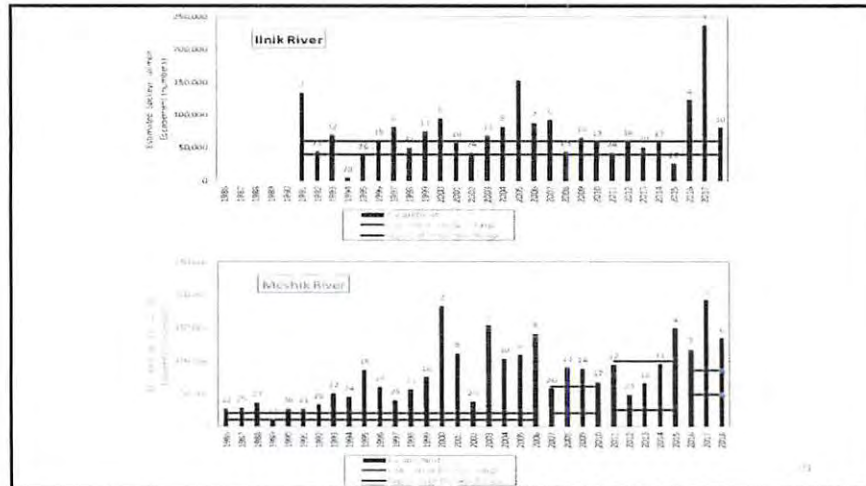
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## Conservation of Bristol Bay-origin salmon when the run is <30M

- it would follow that within the Outer Port Heiden Section, as occurs in the Ilnik Section, the harvest taken in the extreme northeastern portion of the section would most likely contain a higher percentage of Bristol-Bay origin salmon than catches near the SW boundary
- Local knowledge indicates that most of the harvest from the Outer Port Heiden is taken near the current northeast closure line
- Therefore, to conserve Bristol Bay-origin salmon when the preseason forecast for the Bristol Bay run is equal to or less than 30 M salmon, the area, both off shore and along the beach are restricted to increase the harvest on local stocks, particularly, Meshik River-origin salmon.

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### PROPOSAL 144 Recommendation: SUPPORT AS AMENDED BY BBEDC

- The Northern OPH boundary line, when the Bristol Bay run is <30M, should be on the latitudinal line from a point on shore at 56 59.68 N. lat., 158 E40.45' w. long.
- This reduction in OPH area that is open to fishing should be markedly reduced so that more local stocks could be harvested when the Bristol Bay-origin salmon run is low.

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