

**PROPOSAL 134**

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

Repeal the current *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001, as follows:

Return the South Unimak District to its pre-2001 status. Remove the entire Southwestern District and the West and East Pavlof Bay Sections of the South Central District from the South Unimak District. Return the Southwestern District and the West and East Pavlof Sections of the South Central District to their pre-2001 June South Peninsula management plan for those areas.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In February 2004, the BOF modified the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fisheries Management Plan (5 AAC 09.365). The Board established a new, expanded fishing schedule, removed previously enacted chum salmon harvest restrictions, and the *South Unimak fishery was expanded to include the entire Southwestern District and the West and East Pavlof Bay sections of the South Central District*. The inclusion of the entire Southwestern District and West and East Pavlof Bay Sections into the South Unimak June Fishery Management Plan has had a severely detrimental impact on Chignik Fishermen due to high interception rates of Chignik bound sockeye in areas historically closed during the South Unimak June fishery. In essence, the Board created a new, expansive interception fishery on fully allocated Chignik stocks that has severely damaged all Chignik fishermen and the entire Chignik region.

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