PROPOSAL 28
Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas, as follows:

5 AAC 21.373 is amended to read:

(b) The Trail Lakes Hatchery special harvest areas are as follows:

(2) China Poot [AND HAZEL LAKE] Special Harvest Area: the marine waters of China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District inshore of, and enclosed by, a line [CONNECTING 59° 34.66’ N. LAT., 151° 19.27’ W. LONG., THEN TO 59° 35.08’ N. LAT., 151° 19.77’ W. LONG., THEN TO 59° 33.09’ N. LAT., 151° 25.22’ W. LONG., AND THEN TO 59° 32.84’ N. LAT., 151° 24.90’ W. LONG.] **from a point at the base of China Poot Spit at 59° 33.42’ N. lat., 151° 21.70’ W. long., to a point offshore at, 59° 34.11’ N. lat., 151° 22.45’ W. long. to a point at, 59° 33.09’ N. lat., 151° 25.22’ W. long. to Moosehead Point located at 59° 34.66’ N. lat., 151° 19.27’ W. long.**;

(5) Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area: the marine waters of the China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District inshore of, and enclosed by, a line that connects the following points: from 59° 32.84’ N. lat., 151° 24.90’ W. long. to a point offshore at, 59° 33.09’ N. lat., 151° 25.22’ W. long. to a point at, 59° 34.11’ N. lat., 151° 22.45’ W. long. to a point at the base of China Poot Spit at, 59° 33.42’ N. lat., 151° 21.70’ W. long.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? China Poot Lake and Hazel Lake are both terminal hatchery sockeye salmon returns that are managed separately. Dividing the current single special harvest area (SHA) into two smaller SHAs will reduce regulatory complexity and provide a clearer definition to stakeholders regarding how these two areas are geographically defined.

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