

PROPOSAL 120

5 AAC 33.200. Fishing district and sections; 5 AAC 33.310. Fishing seasons and periods for net gear; and 5 AAC 33.359. Section 6-D Pink salmon management plan.

Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows:

During Pink Salmon Management, if no purse seine openings are scheduled in 6-E, 6-E would be open to gillnetting when District 6 is open.

5 AAC 33.359 Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan. (a) The department may open [THOSE PORTIONS OF] Section 6-D [DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 33.313(C)(2)(B)] to drift gillnet fishing during the period of time that is after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September as described in this section.

5 AAC 33.310(a)(6) District 6, Sections 6-C, 6-D **and 6-E** only;

(c)(2)(B) Sections **6-D and 6-E** [WEST OF A LINE FROM MARIPOSA ROCK BUOY AT 56°10.68' N. LAT., 132°44.36' W. LONG. TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT HARRINGTON AT 56°10.27' N. LAT., 132°43.57' W. LONG. TO A POINT ON ETOLIN ISLAND AT 56°09.60' N. LAT., 132°42.70' W. LONG. TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT STANHOPE AT 56°00.69' N. LAT., 132°36.47' W. LONG.] is open.

5 AAC 33.359

(a) **(1)** The department may open [THOSE PORTIONS OF] Section 6-D [DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 33.313(C)(2)(B)] to drift gillnet fishing during the period of time that is after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September as described in this section.

(2) Section 6-E will open and close by emergency order for commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear concurrent with drift gillnet commercial salmon fishing periods in any other portion of District 6.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? 6-E being closed during Pink Salmon Management makes it difficult to fish District 6 without drifting over the 6-E boundary.

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