

PROPOSAL 56

5 AAC 24.3XX. New section.

Create requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathoms of seine gear in Prince William Sound, as follows:

Create a new regulation:

5 AAC 24.333: Requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathom 450 mesh seines in Prince William sound.

(a) Two Prince William sound salmon seine CFEC permit holders may concurrently fish from the same vessel and jointly operate a seine up to 450 meshes deep with a lead and seine aggregate length of up to 250fa under this section,

(b) Before operating jointly under this section, both permit holders shall register with the department indicating the intent to jointly operate gear. Termination of joint operation of seine gear under this section is not effective until at least one of the permit holders register the date and time of termination with the department.

(c) When two Prince William sound salmon seine CFEC permit holders fish from the same vessel and jointly operate under this section, the vessel must display its ADF&G permanent license plate number followed by the letter "D" to identify the vessel as a dual permit vessel. The letter "D" must be removed or covered when the vessel is operating with only one seine permit CFEC permit holder on board the vessel. The identification number and letters must be displayed (1) in letters and numerals 12 inches high with lines at least one inch wide; (2) in a color that contrasts with the background; (3) on both sides of the hull; and (4) in a manner that is plainly visible at all times when the vessel is being operated. (d) When two permit holders jointly operate gear under this section, each permit holder is responsible for ensuring that the entire unit of gear is operated in a lawful manner.

Amend 5 AAC 24.332. Seine specifications and operations.

(a) Except for **as provided by 5 AAC 24.333 and** the first five fathoms in length of the purse seine, a purse seine may not be less than 200 meshes or more than 335 meshes in depth, or less than 125 fathoms or more than 225 fathoms in length, hung measure, or with mesh size greater than four inches stretched measure, except that the first 25 meshes immediately above or below the lead line may be a chafing strip with a mesh size no larger than seven and one-half inches stretched measure. Leads deeper than the seine or exceeding 75 fathoms in length, or leads with mesh size between four inches and six and one quarter inches may not be used, except as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(f) for a cork line border strip and lead line chafing strip. The aggregate of seine and lead may not be more than 225 fathoms in length.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow stacking of Prince William sound seine permits similar to what has been successfully done in Bristol bay.

The Prince William sound seine fleet has grown substantial in both the number of active permits and the size and capabilities of vessels in the last 20 years. The recent downturn in pink salmon prices since their high in 2013 and the large variability of the pink salmon returns in Prince William

Sound leaves the permit holders teetering on the brink of another collapse in permit value like was seen in the 1990s when permit value went from a high of \$272,333 in 1990 to \$35,300 in 1994. Something needs to be done to address this extreme volatility in permit values before it happens again to a whole new generation.

Permit stacking is a good solution. In times of small runs or low prices more permits will be stacked instead of unfished creating value for all permit holders and preventing their value from collapsing completely. Most importantly when comparing permit stacking to a buyback like was done in southeast permit stacking does not increase the difficulty for new entrants into the fishery. Permit stacking instead creates another path to ownership for deckhands who can buy a permit and stack it on the boat they crew on until they can afford to buy their own operation.

The dual permit seine length of 250fa and depth of 450 meshes was used as it is the same as southeast's seine regulations.

PROPOSED BY: Ezekiel Brown

(EF-F20-133)

PROPOSAL 57

5 AAC 24.3XX. New section.

Create requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathoms of seine gear in Prince William Sound, as follows:

5 AAC 54.332 (ADD) **except as specified in 5 AAC (NEW CODE #).**

5 AAC (NEW CODE #) Requirements and specifications for use of a 250 fathom seine in Prince William Sound.

a) 2 CFEC permits present on and registered to the same vessel may operate 250 fathoms of seine.

b) all other specifications in 5AAC.54.332 remain in effect

c) the additional 25 fathoms shall have cork colors other than white or yellow.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The seine fishery in Prince William Sound is over capitalized and overcrowded. It is common for openings to be very restricted in area. Lineups can and do reach over 100 boats giving a primary set every third day. There are two major factors contributing to the current situation; a) fish prices aren't keeping up with the increasing operating costs, fuel, insurance, repairs, supplies etc. b) management is different now than in the 70's and 80's when full participation was the norm. It was standard for the majority of the sound to be open on a regular schedule of 5 days per week, Monday thru Friday, allowing boats to spread out. Presently 2-4 openings with a duration of 12-14 hours each with restricted area is the norm. I believe this solution would help ease congestion and provide incentive for new entrants to partner up with existing participants and for existing participants to purchase a second permit. I also believe this would encourage existing two permit holders to retain those permits.

PROPOSED BY: Rob Nelson

(EF-F20-022)

PROPOSAL 58

5 AAC 24.365. Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.

Amend the *Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan* to provide daily fishing periods, as follows:

5 AAC 24.370 (2) (A). Remove the words, [AND WHERE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE TO REDUCE THE HARVEST OF STOCKS BOUND FOR OTHER DISTRICTS;]

Return the AFK enhanced chum salmon fishery to a schedule of daily fishing periods.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The words, "and where, to the extent practical, the department shall manage to reduce the harvest of stocks bound for other districts; were added at the request of the Gillnet fleet due to some harvest of Sockeye salmon in conjunction with the harvest of Chum salmon destined for the Armin F Koernig hatchery Terminal and Special Harvest Areas. This Sockeye harvest has always occurred, and continues to even with the Departments efforts. Historically the AFK caught percentage of Sockeyes bound for other areas has been between 1.51% in 2010, and 11% in 2015, with a ten year average of 4.94%. The reduced time and area management protocol the department has adopted due to these added words has caused great harm, both to the Fishermen and their equipment, and the financial outcome of the distribution of the catch. Fishing in compressed time frames on buildups of fish has resulted in damaged boats and a wider gap between the haves and have nots.

These Sockeye salmon caught by the Seine fleet do not constitute an absolute win for the Seine gear group. The PWS Enhancement Allocation Plan takes them into account when determining fishing area opportunities.

PROPOSED BY: Northwest and Alaska Seine Association

(EF-F20-108)

PROPOSAL 59

5 AAC 24.350. Closed waters.

Reduce waters closed to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:

The closed area in this proposal is defined in both the closed waters of the Eastern and Southeastern districts. Unit 3(A) would be modified as follows while Unit 11(E) would be removed.

5 AAC 24.350 Closed waters

(3) Eastern District

(A) Simpson Bay, north of 60° 38.00' N. lat. [ORCA INLET AND NELSON BAY SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE FROM SALMO POINT TO SHEPARD POINT, AND ALL OF ORCA INLET SOUTHEAST OF HAWKINS ISLAND]

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(11) Southeastern District

(E) [HAWKINS CUTOFF-ORCA INLET AREA: SOUTH OF A LINE FROM 60° 27.86' LAT., 146° 19.72' W. LONG. TO 60° 27.65' N. LAT., 146° 21.39' W. LONG., AND ORCA INLET AND NELSON BAY SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE FROM SALMO POINT TO SHEPARD POINT, AND ALL OF ORCA INLET SOUTHEAST OF HAWKINS ISLAND;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to expansive closed waters in Orca Inlet, harvestable surpluses of pink and chum salmon in the area have not been utilized in a fishery. Strong returns to streams within this area have been observed in recent years.

PROPOSED BY: Cordova District Fishermen United

(HQ-F20-021)

PROPOSAL 60

5 AAC 24.350. Closed waters.

Update closed waters defined in regulation by incorporating GPS locations to replace closed waters areas historically defined by physical markers, as follows:

5 AAC 24.350 is amended to read:

(3) Eastern District:

(A) Simpson Bay, north of 60° 38.00' N. lat., Orca Inlet and Nelson Bay south and east of a line from Salmo Point to Shepard Point, and all of Orca Inlet southeast of Hawkins Island;

(B) Sheep Bay: north of a line from 60° 41.99' N. lat., 145° 56.11' W. long. to 60° 41.17' N. lat., 145° 55.87' W. long., **and east of a line from 60° 40.08' N. lat., 145° 58.61' W. long. to 60° 39.45' N. lat., 145° 58.88' W. long.;**

(C) Plateau Creek: south of a line from 60° 42.60' N. lat., 146° 08.28' W. long. to 60° 42.67' N. lat., 146° 07.80' W. long.;

(D) [(C)] Comfort Cove: east of a line from 60° 42.96' N. lat., 146° 05.67' W. long. to 60° 42.70' N. lat., 146° 05.78' W. long.;

(E) [(D)] Olsen Bay: north of 60° 44.06' N. lat.;

(F) [(E)] Beartrap Bay: east of a line from 60° 44.86' N. lat., 145° 59.64' W. long. to 60° 44.60' N. lat., 145° 59.86' W. long.; [60° 44.55' N. LAT., 145° 59.62' W. LONG.];

(G) Port Gravina: north of 60° 46.30' N. lat.;

(H) [(F)] St. Matthews Bay: east of a line at 146° 18.09' W. long., and within 500 yards of the northwestern shore, north of 60° 45.36' N. lat.;

(I) Snug Corner Cove: south of a line from 60° 43.51' N. lat., 146° 38.51' W. long. to 60° 43.82' N. lat., 146° 38.00' W. long.;

(J) [(G)] Two Moon Bay: south of a line from 60° 44.74' N. lat., 146° 30.15' W. long. to 60° 44.63' N. lat., 146° 30.93' W. long.; and south of a line from 60° 44.25' N. lat., 146° 34.42' W. long. and 60° 44.23' N. lat., 146° 35.10' W. long.;

(K) [(H)] Irish Cove: south of a line from 60° 46.13' N. lat., 146° 26.84' W. long. to 60° 46.06' N. lat., 146° 26.62' W. long.;

(L) [(I)] Whalen Bay: east of a line from 60° 49.23' N. lat., 146° 15.17' W. long. to 60° 48.59' N. lat., 146° 16.02' W. long.;

(M) Fidalgo River Delta: North of a line from 60° 51.77' N. lat., 146° 34.42' W. long. to 60° 51.75' N. lat., 146° 10.19' W. long.;

(N) Sunny River Delta: North of a line from 60° 51.99' N. lat., 146° 13.82' W. long. to 60° 51.85' N. lat., 146° 16.13' W. long.;

(O) Fidalgo Bay: East of a line from 60° 50.93' N. lat., 146° 8.05' W. long. to 60° 50.20' N. lat., 146° 7.03' W. long.;

(P) Short Creek: north of a line from 60° 50.99' N. lat., 146° 16.85' W. long. to 60° 51.12' N. lat., 146° 16.00' W. long., and west of a line from 60° 51.16' N. lat., 146° 15.93' W. long. and 60° 51.35' N. lat., 146° 16.10' W. long.;

(Q) [(J)] Fish Bay: north of 60° 48.92' N. lat.;

(R) Banzer Creek: within the bay east of a line from 60° 48.56' N. lat., 146° 33.53' W. long. to 60° 49.11' N. lat., 146° 33.85' W. long.;

(S) [(K)] Landlocked Bay: within the bay east of a line in the narrows from 60° 51.13' N. lat., 146° 34.05' W. long. to 60° 51.42' N. lat., 146° 34.12' W. long.;

(T) [(L)] Galena Bay: east of a line from 60° 55.64' N. lat., 146° 38.16' W. long. to 60° 56.41' N. lat., 146° 36.22' W. long., and within 1,000 yards of the north shore between 60° 57.13' N. lat., 146° 38.83' W. long. and 60° 56.81' N. lat., 146° 36.55' W. long.;

(U) [(M)] Jack Bay: south and east of a line from 61° 01.76' N. lat., 146° 34.52' W. long. to 61° 01.01' N. lat., 146° 34.34' W. long., and within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all other salmon streams of the bay;

(V) [(N)] Mineral Creek Delta, Gold Creek, and Kadis Creek: north of a line from 61° 07.45' N. lat., 146° 23.75' W. long. to 61° 07.45' N. lat., 146° 29.80' W. long.;

(W) [(O)] Head of Port Valdez: waters east of a line from a point west of the Valdez boat harbor at 61° 07.47' N. lat., 146° 22.67' W. long. to a point on the south shore at 61° 05.13' N. lat., 146° 17.82' W. long.;

(X) [(P)] Allison Creek, Sawmill Creek, and the Alyeska Safety Zone: within 200 yards of the shore from Allison Point at 61° 05.16' N. lat., 146° 20.72' W. long. to a point west of Sawmill Creek at 61° 04.81' N. lat., 146° 27.32' W. long.;

(Y) [(Q)] Sawmill Bay, Valdez Arm: north of 61° 03.14' N. lat. in the northern arm of the bay and west of a line from 61° 03.14' N. lat., 146° 47.41' W. long. to 61° 02.74' N. lat., 146° 47.27' W. long. in the western arm of the bay;

(4) Northern District:

(A) Long Bay: north of a line from 60° 59.09' N. lat., 147° 14.52' W. long. to 60° 58.97' N. lat., 147° 13.17' W. long., north of a line from 60° 59.24' N. lat., 147° 16.35' W. long. to 60° 59.26' N. lat., 147° 16.59' W. long., north of a line from 60° 59.14' N. lat., 147° 16.93' W. long. to 60° 59.03' N. lat., 147° 17.32' W. long., and west of a line from 60° 58.46' N. lat., 147° 16.52' W. long. to 60° 57.52' N. lat., 147° 16.56' W. long.;

(B) Granite Bay: east of a line from 60° 55.35' N. lat., 147° 24.24' W. long. to 60° 55.26' N. lat., 147° 24.19' W. long.;

(C) Cedar Bay: north of 60° 58.00' N. lat.;

(D) [(B)] Eaglek Bay: north of 60° 53.46' N. lat.;

(E) [(C)] Wells Bay: east of a line from 61° 00.59' N. lat., 147° 25.59' W. long. to 61° 00.16' N. lat., 147° 25.48' W. long., and north of a line from 61° 00.17' N. lat., 147° 28.88' W. long. to 61° 00.11' N. lat., 147° 29.31' W. long.;

(F) [(D)] Siwash Bay: west of a line from 60° 57.48' N. lat., 147° 39.73' W. long. to 60° 56.97' N. lat., 147° 39.52' W. long.;

(G) [(E)] Jonah Bay: west of a line from 61° 00.82' N. lat., 147° 38.63' W. long. to 60° 56.96' N. lat., 147° 38.51' W. long.;

(H) [(F)] Unakwik Inlet: within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all salmon streams north of 60° 51.97' N. lat.;

(I) Derickson Bay: west of a line from 60° 52.18' N. lat., 147° 48.43' W. long. to 60° 51.88' N. lat., 147° 48.48' W. long.;

(J) Schoppe Bay: east of 147° 39.55' W. long.;

(5) Unakwik District:

(A) Unakwik Inlet: [IN UNAKWIK INLET] within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all salmon streams [IN THE DISTRICT] south of 61° 04.97' N. lat.;

(B) Miners Bay: east of a line from 61° 03.80' N. lat., 147° 30.27' W. long. to 61° 04.32' N. lat., 147° 29.94' W. long.;

(6) Coghill District:

(A) Esther Passage: east of a line from 60° 51.49' N. lat., 147° 54.65' W. long. to 60° 52.36' N. lat., 147° 54.85' W. long.; **and east of a line from 60° 54.20' N. lat., 147° 56.91' W. long. to 60° 53.83' N. lat., 147° 56.63' W. long.;**

(B) Golden River: east of a line from 60° 57.76' N. lat., 148° 00.82' W. long. to 60° 58.76' N. lat., 147° 59.59' W. long.;

(C) Coghill River: north of a line from 61° 04.06' N. lat., 147° 57.01' W. long. to 61° 03.33' N. lat., 147° 55.62' W. long.; [(B) College Fiord: within 500 yards of the terminus of Coghill River and within the cove immediately north of the Coghill River mouth;]

(D) Barry Arm: north of a line from 61° 00.62' N. lat., 148° 05.61' W. long. to 61° 02.31' N. lat., 148° 07.00' W. long.;

(E) Harrison Lagoon: west of a line from 60° 59.37' N. lat., 148° 11.00' W. long. to 60° 58.14' N. lat., 148° 11.43' W. long.;

(F) Hobo Bay: north of a line from 60° 57.14' N. lat., 148° 13.13' W. long. to 60° 56.76' N. lat., 148° 14.02' W. long.;

(G) Bettles Bay: north and west of a line from 60° 56.42' N. lat., 148° 17.82' W. long. to 60° 56.76' N. lat., 148° 16.69' W. long.;

(H) Hummer Bay: north of a line from 60° 53.43' N. lat., 148° 17.42' W. long. to 60° 53.24' N. lat., 148° 18.31' W. long.;

(I) Pirate Cove: west of a line from 60° 52.54' N. lat., 148° 17.68' W. long. to 60° 52.07' N. lat., 148° 17.62' W. long.;

(J) Pigot Bay: west of a line from 60° 51.02' N. lat., 148° 20.97' W. long. to 60° 49.94' N. lat., 148° 21.92' W. long.;

(7) Northwestern District:

(A) Logging Camp Bay: north of a line from 60° 49.36' N. lat., 148° 25.29' W. long. to 60° 49.79' N. lat., 148° 26.22' W. long.;

(B) [(A)] Blackstone Bay: south of a line from 60° 45.95' N. lat., 148° 29.56' W. long. to 60° 45.81' N. lat., 148° 26.61' W. long.;

(C) [(B)] Passage Canal (Shotgun Cove): south of a line from 60° 48.11' N. lat., 148° 33.08' W. long. to 60° 47.90' N. lat., 148° 32.09' W. long.;

(D) [(C)] Cochrane Bay: southwest of a line from 60° 39.61' N. lat., 148° 25.41' W. long. to 60° 38.11' N. lat., 148° 24.57' W. long., west of a line from 60° 43.76' N. lat., 148° 22.52' W. long. to 60° 41.45' N. lat., 148° 23.09' W. long., east of a line from 60° 39.96' N. lat., 148° 21.67' W. long. to 60° 39.33' N. lat., 148° 22.27' W. long., and Surprise Cove west of a line from 60° 45.89' N. lat., 148° 22.02' W. long. to 60° 45.12' N. lat., 148° 22.31' W. long.;

(E) [(D)] Long Bay (Culross Passage): west of a line from 60° 41.87' N. lat., 148° 15.74' W. long. to 60° 41.61' N. lat., 148° 15.52' W. long.;

(F) [(E)] Port Nellie Juan (Mink Creek): northwest of a line from 60° 35.66' N. lat., 148° 13.82' W. long. to 60° 34.56' N. lat., 148° 16.47' W. long.; and north of a line from 60° 33.61' N. lat., 148° 17.79' W. long. to 60° 33.90' N. lat., 148° 17.34' W. long.;

(G) [(F)] East Finger Inlet: north of 60° 32.51' N. lat.;

(H) [(G)] West Finger Inlet: north of a line from 60° 34.16' N. lat., 148° 27.02' W. long. to 60° 34.11' N. lat., 148° 26.21' W. long.;

(I) Kings Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.27' N. lat., 148° 41.50' W. long. to 60° 27.81' N. lat., 148° 37.94' W. long.;

(J) Greystone Bay: south of a line from 60° 31.53' N. lat., 148° 26.16' W. long. to 60° 31.00' N. lat., 148° 25.58' W. long.;

(K) McClure Bay: south of a line from 60° 30.24' N. lat., 148° 10.56' W. long. to 60° 30.29' N. lat., 148° 9.61' W. long.;

(8) Eshamy District:

(A) Eshamy Bay and its tributary waters: waters within the Eshamy Lagoon and its tributaries and within 100 yards outside the narrows at the entrance of Eshamy Lagoon;

(B) Gumboot Creek: within 750 yards of the terminus of Gumboot Creek on the northern shore of Eshamy Bay;

(9) Southwestern District:

(A) Dangerous Passage: within 1,000 yards of all salmon streams in Dangerous Passage between 148° 08.87' W. long. and 148° 02.62' W. long.;

(B) Ewan Bay: west of 148° 08.35' W. long.;

(C) Paddy Bay: north of a line from 60° 23.97' N. lat., 148° 06.07' W. long. to 60° 23.91' N. lat., 148° 04.91' W. long.;

(D) Jackpot Bay: north and west of a line from 60° 20.74' N. lat., 148° 13.18' W. long. to 60° 20.52' N. lat., 148° 13.41' W. long.;

(E) Whale Bay: south of 60° 14.16' N. lat.;

(F) Port Bainbridge: north of a line from 60° 09.72' N. lat., 148° 19.96' W. long. to 60° 09.68' N. lat., 148° 20.56' W. long.;

(G) Hogg Bay: north of a line from 60° 05.10' N. lat., 148° 12.05' W. long. to 60° 04.94' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long., and east of a line from 60° 04.32' N. lat., 148° 11.47' W. long. to 60° 04.01' N. lat., 148° 11.62' W. long.

(H) Bainbridge Island: within the bay south of a line from 60° 07.58' N. lat., 148° 06.83' W. long. to 60° 07.80' N. lat., 148° 06.31' W. long.;

(I) Ikuta Bay: south of a line from 60° 06.58' N. lat., 148° 00.80' W. long. to 60° 06.60' N. lat., 148° 00.12' W. long.;

(J) Mummy Bay: north of a line from 60° 13.75' N. lat., 147° 49.12' W. long. to 60° 13.31' N. lat., 147° 48.57' W. long.;

(K) Thumb Bay: south and east of a line from 60° 12.83' N. lat., 147° 48.82' W. long. to 60° 12.61' N. lat., 147° 49.52' W. long.;

(L) Hogan Bay: north of 60° 12.00' N. lat.;

(M) Snug Harbor: west of 147° 45.55' W. long.;

(10) Montague District:

(A) Zaikof Bay: south of 60° 16.86' N. lat., and within 1,000 yards of the southeastern shore of the bay from a point at 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 00.15' W. long. to a line at 60° 16.86' N. lat.;

(B) Rocky Bay: west of a line from a point at 60° 21.30' N. lat., 147° 06.66' W. long. to a point at 60° 20.54' N. lat., 147° 05.61' W. long.;

(C) Stockdale Harbor: east of a line from a point at 60° 19.56' N. lat., 147° 12.02' W. long. to a point at 60° 18.26' N. lat., 147° 11.72' W. long.;

(D) Port Chalmers: within a line from a point at 60° 16.97' N. lat., 147° 12.62' W. long. to a point at 60° 16.06' N. lat., 147° 12.63' W. long., from a point at 60° 15.37' N. lat., 147° 12.31' W. long. to a point at 60° 14.16' N. lat., 147° 14.42' W. long., and from a point at 60° 13.86' N. lat., 147° 14.77' W. long. to a point at 60° 13.56' N. lat., 147° 16.82' W. long.;

(E) Hanning Bay: east of a line from a point at 59° 58.93' N. lat., 147° 41.46' W. long. to a point at 59° 57.15' N. lat., 147° 42.99' W. long.;

(F) MacLeod Harbor: east of a line from a point at 59° 53.26' N. lat., 147° 46.12' W. long. to a point at 59° 52.46' N. lat., 147° 46.52' W. long.;

(G) Montague Strait: within 500 yards of the northwestern shore of Montague Island from 60° 04.61' N. lat., 147° 28.82' W. long. to 60° 03.13' N. lat., 147° 33.17' W. long., and from 60° 02.10' N. lat., 147° 34.28' W. long. to 59° 59.94' N. lat., 147° 40.57' W. long.;

(H) Green Island: west of a line from 60° 18.19' N. lat., 147° 23.51' W. long. to 60° 18.19' N. lat., 147° 21.02' W. long., and east of a line from 60° 16.37' N. lat., 147° 26.51' W. long. to 60° 16.99' N. lat., 147° 26.07' W. long.;

(11) Southeastern District:

(A) Port Etches: east of a line from 60° 21.09' N. lat., 146° 33.94' W. long. to 60° 20.06' N. lat., 146° 32.72' W. long., and south of a line from 60° 19.71' N. lat., 146° 34.11' W. long. to 60° 19.01' N. lat., 146° 35.62' W. long.;

(B) Constantine Harbor: within the harbor from 60° 21.25' N. lat., 146° 36.29' W. long. to 60° 21.04' N. lat., 146° 37.10' W. long.;

(C) Deer Cove, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 23.35' N. lat., 146° 43.58' W. long. to 60° 23.81' N. lat., 146° 42.73' W. long.;

(D) Juania Cove, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 24.07' N. lat., 146° 42.73' W. long. to 60° 24.70' N. lat., 146° 42.30' W. long.;

(E) [(C)] Shelter Bay, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 26.31' N. lat., 146° 40.12' W. long. to 60° 25.66' N. lat., 146° 40.02' W. long.;

(F) [(D)] Anderson Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.24' N. lat., 146° 30.78' W. long. to 60° 28.42' N. lat., 146° 31.20' W. long.;

(G) Double Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.03' N. lat., 146° 29.11' W. long. to 60° 28.26' N. lat., 146° 28.55' W. long., and south of a line from 60° 28.25' N. lat., 146° 27.71' W. long. to 60° 28.02' N. lat., 146° 26.61' W. long.;

(H) [(E)] Hawkins Cutoff-Orca Inlet Area: south of a line from 60° 27.86' N. lat., 146° 19.72' W. long. to 60° 27.65' N. lat., 146° 21.39' W. long., and Orca Inlet and Nelson Bay south and east of a line from Salmo Point to Shepard Point, and all of Orca Inlet southeast of Hawkins Island;

(I) [(F)] Canoe Passage: south of a line from 60° 31.18' N. lat., 146° 07.43' W. long. to 60° 31.13' N. lat., 146° 07.07' W. long.;

(J) Windy Bay: south of a line from 60° 33.89' N. lat., 145° 57.69' W. long. to 60° 33.71' N. lat., 145° 58.64' W. long.;

(12) in other streams or rivers: within 500 yards of the terminus of the stream or river or as posted as specified in 5 AAC 39.290.

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently many closed water areas in Prince William Sound are identified by physical markers and are not defined in regulation. The department maintained closed waters markers in these areas for decades, but the maintenance of these markers ended in 2005 due to budget cuts. Most of these markers identify closed waters associated with anadromous stream mouths. These painted plywood markers have been gradually disappearing since the end of the maintenance program. Without these markers, and no GPS coordinates, closed water locations are unclear to stakeholders and difficult to enforce. This proposal replaces locations historically defined by these markers with GPS coordinates.

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