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BOARD OF FISHERIES FINDING

POST-JUNE SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ALASKA PENINSULA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Mixed stocks of salmon bound for other systems have historically been harvested in significant numbers along the Alaska Peninsula. To insure that none of these runs are over harvested and to address the allocative concerns of adjacent areas relative to the increasing efforts on sockeye and coho stocks bound for their areas, the Board of Fisheries developed the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands.

This plan recognizes that the Department manages a directed fishery for local pink and chum salmon stocks in these districts during the Post-June fisheries.

After careful consideration of available run timing data the Board chose to open the fisheries in the following districts on July 20.

The Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District, excluding all waters south of a line extending from the eastern shore of Zachary Bay at 54° 22′39″ N. Latitude, 160° 35′03″ W longitude to a point on the western shore of Zachary Bay at 54° 22′39″ N latitude, 160° 38′18″ W longitude;

The Southcentral District, excluding all waters north of a line extending from the eastern shore of Pavlof Bay at 55° 24′ 34″ N latitude, 161° 29′ 24″ W longitude, to a point on the western shore of Pavlof Bay at 55° 24′ 34″ N latitude, 161° 41′ 06″ W longitude (Black Point) and the Canoe Bay Section;

The Southwestern District, excluding the Cold Bay, Thin Point and Morzhovoi Bay sections, and the Unimak District.

The board considered delaying the opening of the South Peninsula fishery until July 15 and July 25 before adopting the July 20 date. The board found that this date would provide the maximum utilization of the pink and chum stocks. This fishery is also anticipated to harvest sockeye and coho as incidental catch.

The following areas shall open July 6.

In the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District, all waters south of a line extending from the eastern shore of Zachary Bay at 54° 22′ 39″ N latitude, 160° 35′ 03″ W longitude, to a point on the western shore of Zachary Bay at 54° 22′ 39″ N latitude, 160° 38′ 18″ W longitude;

In the Pavlof Bay Section of the Southcentral District, all waters north of a line extending from the eastern shore of Pavlof Bay at 55° 24′ 34″ N latitude, 161° 29′ 24″ W longitude, to a point on the western shore of Pavlof Bay at 55° 24′ 34″ N latitude, 161° 41′ 06′ W longitude (Black Point), and the Canoe Bay Section;

In the Southwestern District, the Cold Bay, Thin Point and Morzhovoi Bay Sections.

These terminal and near shore fisheries allow early access to arriving pink salmon while they are at their best quality. The inner and near shore areas will also fully utilize local stocks.

The choice of July 20 effectively maximized the full utilization of local pink and chum salmon stocks, stabilized the interception of sockeye salmon stocks, and minimized the interception of coho salmon stocks.

Adopted: November 23, 1991

Vote: (Yes/No/Abstain/Absent) (5/0/0/2) [Absent: Robin Samuelson, Tom Elias]

Location: Anchorage International Airport Inn

Mike Martin, Chairman

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