

**PROPOSAL 149 – 5 AAC 09.310. Fishing seasons; 5 AAC 09.320. Fishing periods; 5 AAC 09.330. Gear; 5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan; and 5 AAC 39.120. Registration of commercial fishing vessels.** Create a directed sockeye salmon fishery in the Cinder River Section, as follows:

5 AAC 09.310(a)(1)(B): from **June 20** [August 1] through September 30 throughout this section.  
5 AAC 09.320(a)(3): in the Cinder River Section, salmon may be taken from 6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday from June 20 to July 31, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday after July 31.

5 AAC 09.330(a)(1), add a new subsection as follows: ( ) from June 20 through July 31 salmon may be taken with drift gillnets only in the waters outside the lagoon into which the Cinder River drains.

5 AAC 09.369(m), add the following language: [.] , provided, that from June 20 to July 31 if the commissioner closes that portion of the Egegik District specified in 5 AAC 06.359(c) for conservation of Ugashik River sockeye salmon stocks, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the portion of the Cinder River section outside the lagoon into which the Cinder River drains.

5 AAC 39.120(d), revise the definition for Area T as follows: T Bristol Bay Area (5 AAC 06.100) and **the following portions of the Alaska Peninsula Area (5 AAC 09.200): January 1 through June 19, the portion of the Cinder River section outside the lagoon into which the Cinder River drains; January 1 through December 31, the portion of the Cinder River Section within the lagoon into which the Cinder River drains** [Cinder River] and Inner Port Heiden Section; and August 1 through December 31, that portion of the Ilnik Section within Ilnik Lagoon and all waters inside the Seal Islands [of the Alaska Peninsula Area (5 AAC 09.200(a) – (3))].

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This series of regulatory changes would establish a directed sockeye salmon fishery in the Cinder River Section from June 20 through September 30. Cinder River sockeye returns have been above escapement goals nearly every year for over a decade, which represents foregone harvest opportunity for the Area M drift gillnet fleet.

**PROPOSED BY:** Concerned Area M Fishermen

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