

PROPOSAL 161 – 5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

Close waters of the Northern District between zero and one and one-half miles offshore to commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear when Bear River and/or Nelson River coho salmon escapements do not meet objectives, as follows:

From August 15 to September 30 coho salmon season drift gear will be restricted to no less than 1.5 to 3 miles away from shore until Bear River and Nelson River have achieved their adequate escapement.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The *sustainability* of the Bear River and Nelson River Fishery due to the mismanagement of the North Peninsula Fishery between August 15 to September 30 coho salmon season.

Under the current management, the Bear River and Nelson River escapement will be depleted and will no longer have a fishery.

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