

**BOARD OF FISHERIES  
BRISTOL BAY FINFISH  
DECEMBER 2–8, 2015**

**PROPOSAL 22 – 5 AAC 06.100. Description of area; 5 AAC 06.200. Fishing districts and sections; 5 AAC 09.100. Description of area; and 5 AAC 09.200. Description of districts and sections.** Move the Cinder River, Inner Port Heiden, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area, as follows (*This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.*):

We recommend that the BOF change the descriptions of the Bristol Bay area to include the Cinder River and Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections and remove the same sections from the Alaska Peninsula area. Suggested draft regulatory language follows:

**5 AAC 06.100. Description of area.** The Bristol Bay Area includes all waters of Alaska in Bristol Bay east of a line from Cape Newenham at 58° 38.88' N. lat., 162° 10.51' W. long. to Strogonof Point at 56° 53.50' N. lat., 158° 50.45' W. long. [CAPE MENSHIKOF AT 57° 28.34' N. LAT., 157° 55.84' W. LONG.]

**5 AAC 09.100. Description of area.** The Alaska Peninsula Area includes the waters of Alaska on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula, southwest of a line from Strogonof Point (56° 53.50' N. lat., 158° 50.45' W. long. [CAPE MENSHIKOF AT 57° 28.34' N. LAT., 157° 55.84' W. LONG.] to...

Additionally, we recommend deleting 5 AAC 09.200 (1) and (2) (A) and (B) from Chapter 09. Alaska Peninsula Area and adding new fishing districts (e) and (f) to the Bristol Bay area. We recommend adding to 5 AAC 06.200 Fishing Districts and sections

(e) Cinder River District, waters of Bristol Bay between Cape Menshikof at 57° 28.34' N. lat., 157° 55.84' W. long. and 158° 20.00' W. long

(f) Port Heiden District:

(1) Outer Port Heiden Section: waters located between 158° 20.00' W. long. and the longitude of Strogonof Point at 56° 53.50' N. lat., 158°50.45' W. long., excluding the waters of the Inner Port Heiden Section;

(2) Inner Port Heiden Section: waters of Port Heiden Bay south and east of a line from Strogonof Point at 56° 53.50' N. lat., 158° 50.45' W. long. to the mainland shore of the northeast entrance to the bay at 56° 56.50' N. lat., 158° 51.50' W. long.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The residents of Port Heiden ask the Board of Fisheries to change the Alaska Administrative Code so that the boundaries of the Bristol Bay area include the village Port Heiden and the Cinder River and Port Heiden Districts for the following reason:

1. Port Heiden is a member community in the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation;

2. The community of Port Heiden is within the Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area;
3. The residents of Port Heiden have strong family ties to other communities in the Bristol Bay Area;
4. Most of the commercial fishing permits that are owned by Port Heiden residents are Area T permits, or commercial Bristol Bay fishing permits;
5. Including Port Heiden in the Bristol Bay area would facilitate enforcement efforts in the Outer and Inner Port Heiden sections.

**PROPOSED BY:** Native Village of Port Heiden (EF-C15-039)

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**PROPOSED BY:** Gerda Kosbruk (EF-C15-112)

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**PROPOSAL 24 – 5 AAC 06.100. Description of Area and 5 AAC 09.100. Description of Area.** Move all waters of the Northern District east of the latitude of Cape Seniavin from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area, as follows (*This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.*):

I propose that Area T, Bristol Bay, be recognized as starting at Cape Seniavin, and managed as such. The genetics of WASSIP clearly show that the vast majority of salmon caught above Cape Seniavin are bound for Bristol Bay. Port Heiden is recognized as part of Area T. I suggest that the Entry Commission inadvertently misdrew the divide between Area T and Area M. If you want to catch Bristol Bay fish, buy a Bristol Bay permit.

Alternatively, Area M fishing opportunity and area could be gradually curtailed within this zone.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I am addressing the indiscriminate interception of Bristol Bay bound salmon. Area M fishing openers are specifically targeting Bristol Bay salmon stocks without adequate regard to escapement requirements. Bristol Bay stocks are managed through small terminus fisheries with strict adherence to the state's constitutional directive of sustainable fisheries. This sustainability is only guaranteed through the use of intense scientific and management procedures and tools. Decades ago the ADF&G recognized interceptive fisheries as dangerous to the health of salmon stocks and set in motion actions to curtail such fisheries. Area M intercepting Bristol Bay salmon is in violation of such mandatory efforts. Bristol Bay salmon must be managed for OEG's, not by "windows".

**PROPOSED BY:** Larry K. Christensen (EF-C15-134)

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