

PROPOSAL 154

5 AAC 33.XXX. New Section.

Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait, as follows:

Reinstate the *Lower Clarence Strait Pink Salmon Management plan* with modifications.

Proposed Language:

(1) During the month of August when seine is open in District 2 the top portion is gillnet exclusive from a line south of the latitude of Adams Point and north of a line at the latitude of Ingraham Point.

(a) For every 15 hours seine opening in District 2 gillnet will receive 24 hours. For every 39 hours seine opening in District 2 gillnet will receive 48 hours.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The gillnet fleet in Southeast Alaska have a rough management goal to receive 5 percent of the pink salmon yearly harvest. This average has not been reached in recent years with a 20 year average of 3.5 percent harvest of pink salmon by gillnet. If nothing changes, the gillnet fleet will lose opportunity to harvest wild pink salmon. This proposal is brought to the Board because there is historical participation in District 2 by gillnet to relieve pink salmon harvest imbalance. We feel that harvesting in this district will not negatively impact the biological health of the resource.

PROPOSED BY: United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters (USAG)

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