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PROPOSAL 144

Proposed by:

Lower Bristol Bay AC
What would this proposal do?

When the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less, this proposal would close commercial salmon fishing from 1.5 nm to 3 nm in the Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden (OPH) sections and reduce the size of the OPH section to concentrate fishing efforts on local salmon stocks.

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[5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan](#)

What is the Issue?

- Sharing the conservation of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon. Currently, in both Ilnik and the OPH sections, conservation action is only taken after a closure occurs in Bristol Bay.

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Northern District Management Plan

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- (l) *...If the commissioner closes the portion of the Egegik District as specified in [5 AAC 06.359\(c\)](#) for the conservation of Ugashik River sockeye salmon stocks, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the Outer Port Heiden Section, and immediately reopen the Outer Port Heiden Section, with additional fishing restrictions that the commissioner determines necessary.*
- (j) *In the Ilnik Section,*
 - (1)(B) *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 Ilnik Section and immediately reopen the Ilnik Section, with additional fishing restrictions that the commissioner determines necessary;*
- The delayed fishery management conservation action in the Ilnik and OPH sections will no doubt cause the conservation of Bristol Bay salmon to be misapportion to the Bristol Bay fishers during times of low Bristol Bay-origin runs

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What Does this Proposal Do?

- This would provide management with a tool to conserve Bristol Bay-origin salmon in a more timely manner
- The conservation of Bristol Bay salmon would be shared among all users who benefit from this resource when the runs are low.

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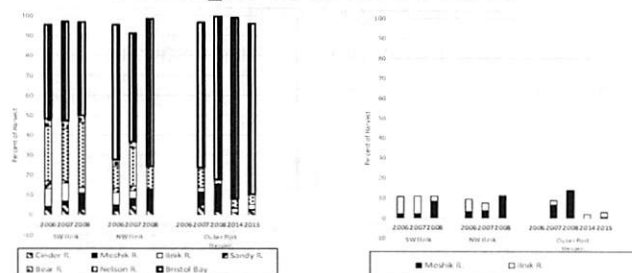
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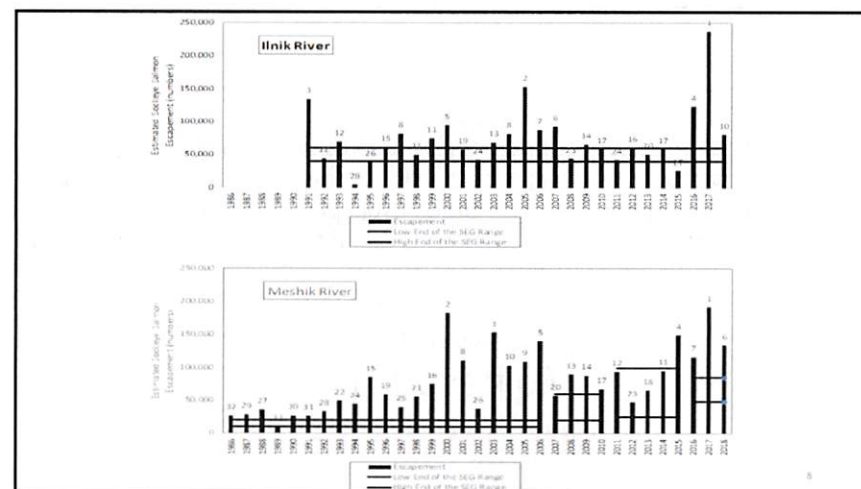
- (j) In the Ilnik Section,
 - from June 20 through July 20,
 - (A) commercial salmon fishing will be permitted in the Ilnik Section (i) southwest of the Unangashak Bluffs based on the abundance of Ilnik River sockeye salmon; and
 - (ii) northeast of the Unangashak Bluffs based on the abundance of Meshik River and Ilnik River sockeye salmon, combined;
- (l) The Outer Port Heiden Section is open from June 20 through July 31 to commercial salmon fishing in those waters west of a line from 57_05.52' N. lat., 158_34.45' W. long. to 57_08.85' N. lat., 158_37.50' W. long. based on the abundance of Meshik River sockeye salmon

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Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden Harvest composition; WASSIP 2006-2008, Boatright et al. 2014-2015

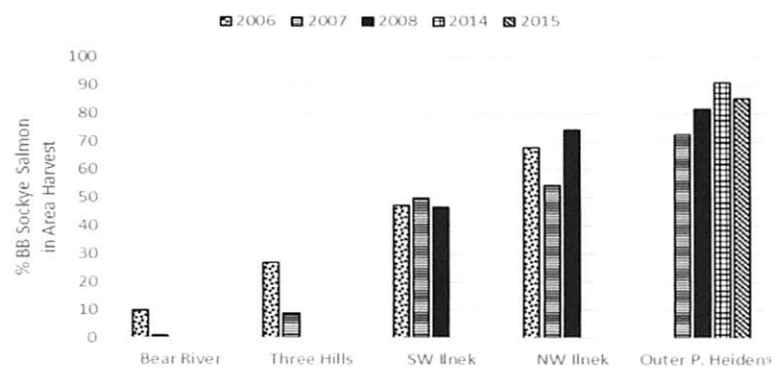


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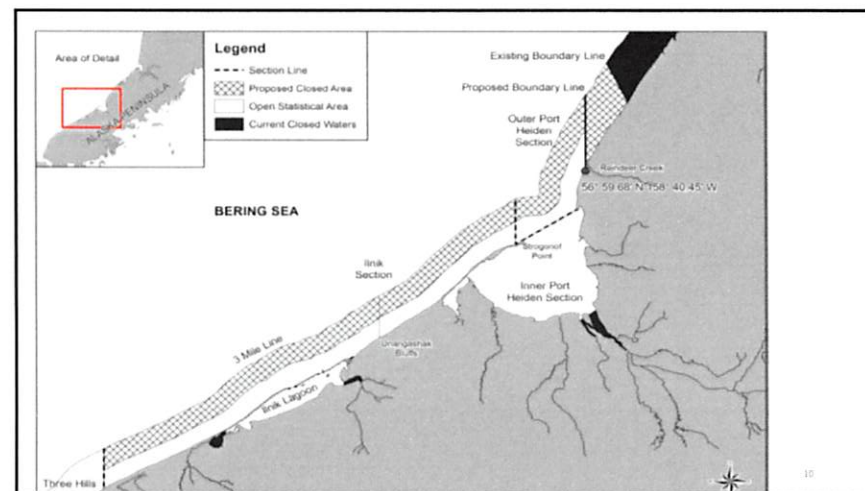


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Bristol Bay-origin salmon in Northern District Harvests



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- Photo taken by Port Heiden resident, Gerda Kosbruk of the fleet fishing on the northern boundary of the Outer Port Heiden Section.



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