

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Israel Payton

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Substitute Language for proposal 151 based on RC60:

**5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan.**

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(c) In the Eastern District,

(1) during June, the commercial salmon fishery shall open concurrently with the Chignik Bay and Central Districts, and the Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District, and the openings shall be based on achieving the Black Lake sockeye salmon escapement goals;

(2) from approximately June 26 through July 8,

(A) the department shall evaluate the strength of the sockeye salmon late run; and

(B) in order to continue managing the Black Lake sockeye salmon harvest and escapement, while assessing the Chignik Lake sockeye salmon run strength, commercial salmon fishing in the Eastern District will, in the department's discretion, be disallowed or severely restricted;

(3) from the end of the transition period, described in (b)(2) of this section, **ending on July 31** [UNTIL THE END OF THE FISHING SEASON], the department shall manage the commercial salmon fishery based on its evaluation of local pink[, **and** chum [AND COHO] salmon runs, and the **strength** [ESCAPEMENT OBJECTIVES] of the Chignik Lakes' system sockeye salmon;[.]

**(4) after July 31, the department shall manage the commercial salmon fishery based on its evaluation of local pink, chum, and coho salmon runs or the strength of the Chignik Lake sockeye salmon run.**

(d) In the Western District, excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, and the Perryville District, the department may open the commercial salmon fishery **concurrently with the Chignik Bay and Central Districts, and the Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District from June 1 through July 5. The Perryville District may open for no more than three fishing periods up to 48 hours each with a closure for a minimum of 48 hours between the fishing periods** [BEGINNING JULY 6], except that

(1) from approximately late June to mid-July (transition period),

(A) the department shall evaluate the strength of the sockeye salmon late run; and

(B) in order to allow the department to assess the Chignik Lake run strength, the department may keep closed or severely restrict commercial salmon fishing in the Western District, except the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, and in the Perryville District;

(2) from the end of the transition period, described in (b)(2) of this section, [UNTIL APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 20,] **ending July 31**, fishing periods shall be based on the department's evaluation of local pink and chum salmon runs, and it's evaluation of the Chignik Lake sockeye salmon run; from July 22 through July 31,

(A) repealed 3/29/2008;

(B) the commissioner may, by emergency order, open fishing in the following terminal harvest areas:

(i) those portions of the Western and Perryville Districts north of a line from Cape Ikti at 56° 00.32' N. lat., 158° 32.02' W. long., to Coal Cape at 55° 53.42' N. lat., 159° 00.45' W. long. to Cape Alexander at 55° 47.22' N. lat., 159° 24.57' W. long.;

(ii) waters in the Ivanof Bay Section of the Perryville District that are north of the latitude from Alexander Point at 55° 47.37' W. long., to Kupreanof Peninsula; and

(iii) those portions of the Chignik Bay and Central Districts known locally as Jack's Box, which consists of those waters east of 158° 15.36' W. long., south of 56° 20' N. lat., and west of 158° 10' W. long.;

(3) **after July 31, the department shall manage based on the evaluation of local pink, chum, and coho salmon runs or the strength of the Chignik Lake sockeye salmon run** [FROM APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 20 UNTIL THE END OF THE FISHING SEASON, FISHING PERIODS SHALL BE BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION OF LOCAL PINK, CHUM, AND COHO SALMON RUNS, AND ITS EVALUATION OF THE CHIGNIK LAKE SOCKEYE SALMON RUN].

[(e) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF (d) OF THIS SECTION, IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, EXCLUDING THE INNER CASTLE CAPE SUBSECTION, THE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY SHALL OPEN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CHIGNIK BAY AND CENTRAL DISTRICTS, AND THE INNER CASTLE CAPE SUBSECTION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT, FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 5 FOR NO MORE THAN TWO FISHING PERIODS UP TO 48 HOURS EACH WITH A CLOSURE FOR A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS BETWEEN THE FISHING PERIODS.] **Repealed.**