

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member John Jensen

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Substitute language for proposal 46:

**5 AAC 27.865. Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan**

(b) To ensure that no gear group is totally disadvantaged, the Board of Fisheries directs the department to take the following actions given the specified circumstances:

(5) after the herring spawn-on-kelp harvest and the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery have been subtracted, the remaining harvestable surplus is allocated to the Togiak District herring fishery; the department shall manage for a removal of 20 [30] percent of that surplus by the gillnet fleet and 80 [70] percent by the purse seine fleet;

(6) if a manageable separation of the year classes occurs, an exploitation rate of up to 20 percent may be allowed on the younger age herring (four years or less), and no fishery may be considered if this recruit population is less than 20,000 short tons;

(7) late season (post-peak) herring fishery openings must be based on one or more of the following criteria:

(A) a definable increase in the biomass of herring present on the fishing grounds;

(B) a major shift in the age composition of the herring in a definable biomass that is large enough to allow a harvest.

**(8) inseason, if the projected Togiak District gillnet harvest is less than the guideline harvest level, the commissioner may reallocate 50 percent of the gillnet guideline harvest level to the Togiak purse seine fishery;**

**(9) the new allocation provisions in (5) and (8) of this section will be valid through December 31, 2021.**