

PROPOSAL 44

5 AAC 27.865. Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan.

Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery, as follows:

5AAC 27.865 (b)(4) would be amended by striking "*50 percent of*" in the last line of the section to read "*..., the commissioner may reallocate the remainder to the Togiak District herring fishery;*".

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Forgone harvest of Togiak herring. The 1,500 short ton set aside for the Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp fishery has gone unharvested in recent years due to the lack of viable markets for the product available from Togiak Bay. The present regulation states that "*if the actual harvest is less than the herring spawn-on-kelp guideline harvest level, the commissioner may reallocate 50% of the remainder to the Togiak District herring fishery;*". Allowing for reallocation of the whole amount to the Togiak District herring fishery would allow for fuller utilization of the harvestable herring biomass within the Bristol Bay Management Area.

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