

PROPOSAL 197

5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections; and 5 AAC 21.330. Gear.

Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay, as follows:

5 AAC 21.200 is amended to read:

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(b) Central District:

...

(6) Chinitna Bay Subdistrict: all waters in Chinitna Bay west of a line from Spring Point **at 59° 52.70' N. lat.; 152° 48.45' W. long.** to Sea Otter Point **at 59° 50.04' N. lat.; 153° 01.25' W. long.**

5 AAC 21.330 is amended to read:

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(b) Set gillnets may be used only in the following locations:

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(3) Central District: set gillnets may be used only in the following locations:

...

(vii) along the north side of Chinitna Bay from **59° 53.18' N. lat., 153° W. long.**, [59° 53.17' N. LAT., 153° W. LONG.] to **59° 51.64' N. lat.; 153° 08.35' W. long.** [59° 51.52' N. LAT., 153° 08.17' W. LONG.] and only within 2,500 feet of the mean high tide mark;

(c) Drift gillnets may be used only in the Central District, except that in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict drift gillnets may be used only east of a line from the crane on the south shore at **59° 49.91' N. lat.; 153° 05.47' W. long.** [59° 50.07' N. LAT., 153° 05.10' W. LONG.], to the ADF&G regulatory marker on Glacier Spit at **59° 51.67' N. lat., 153° 07.92' W. long.** [59° 51.72' N. LAT., 153° 07.84' W. LONG.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal seeks to reduce regulatory confusion by including waypoint locations for landmark names and to correct erroneous waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay.

5 AAC 21.200(b)(6) describes Chinitna Bay as all waters west of a line from Spring Point to Sea Otter Point; however, there are no waypoints listed for either of these landmarks, which can lead to confusion.

Set gillnetting is open only on the north side of Chinitna Bay between two waypoints listed in 5 AAC 21.330(b)(3)(vii). However, one of these waypoints is approximately 900 feet offshore. Furthermore, 5 AAC 21.220(c) states that drift gillnets may be used only east of a line from the crane on the south shore defined by a waypoint that is more than 150 feet offshore and more than 1,600 feet from where remnants of the crane are currently located.

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