Board of Fisheries

Modification to ACR #1 West Crawfish Inlet Boundary for Troll Opening

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fish Members:

NSRAA became aware that the Alaska Wildlife Troopers objected to the potential boundaries for West Crawfish Inlet during the “coho troll closure”. Troopers Captain Quist, Officer Hall, and ADF&G AMB Eric Coonradt and Troll Biologist Grant Hagerman met with NSRAA staff on October 21 to discuss concerns of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. We reached a quick compromise to a specific boundary during the closure (see attached map). The boundary coordinates are incorporated into the regulator language below.

5 AAC 29.112. Management of chum salmon troll fishery
(a) The commissioner may open, by emergency order, a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery only during the summer coho salmon troll fishery closures specified in 5 AAC 29.110 (b)(2).
(b) If the commissioner opens a season under (a) of this section, chum salmon fishing will occur only
(1) in the waters of Sitka Sound and the Eastern Channel east of a line from Vitskari Rock Light to Inner Point, south of a line from Inner Point to Black Rock at 57_ 03.12' N. lat., 135_ 25.63' W. long., to Signal Island Light at 57_ 02.78' N. lat., 135_ 23.58' W. long., and north of a line from Cape Burunof at 56_ 59.03' N. lat., 135_ 23.23' W. long., to Kulichkof Rock at 56_ 59.52' N. lat., 135_ 26.62' W. long., to Vitskari Rock Light;
(2) in the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island; and
(3) in the portions of Crawfish Inlet east of 135_ 11.05' W. long. in waters of the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area south of 56°47.14' N. lat. in Cedar Pass, northeast of a line from 56°43.83' N. lat., 135°16.13' W. long. to 56°43.49' N. lat., 135°15.50' W. long, in Middle Channel, and north of a line from 56°43.01' N. lat., 135°12.93' W. long. to 56°43.25' N. lat., 135°12.18' W. long. in Walker Channel; and as determined by the department for conservation management reasons.
(4) in the portions of West Crawfish Inlet, sub-district 113-32; as determined by the department for conservation management reasons.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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Boundaries for Troll Chum fishery during Coho Troll Closure, Crawfish Inlet & West Crawfish Inlet, ~40 miles south of Sitka, Alaska