

PROPOSAL 113 Amendment

5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods, as follows:

Notwithstanding 5AAC 15.357 (d)(1), (d)(2), and (d)(3), in the Western District excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection and in the Perryville District, beginning on July 6 and ending on **July 31**, excluding all waters north of the Cape Itki line and the Inner Ivanof Bay statistical area within those districts. Waters south of the Cape Itki line and the Inner Ivanof Bay statistical area shall be opened by the department for commercial salmon fishing for 72 hours or more per week for the harvest of local pink and chum salmon. Notwithstanding the preceding, fishing south of the Cape Itki line and the Inner Ivanof Bay statistical area shall not exceed 36 hours per weekly period starting on July 6 and extending through July 31 if a directed sockeye-salmon fishery has not occurred in the Chignik Area and the Department is not expecting the midpoint of the Chignik early-run sockeye escapement goal to be reached by July 31.

During the period of July 5 through July 31, in order to limit the incidental harvest of non-local sockeye stocks the department shall restrict the fishery to those waters north of the Cape Itki line and Inner Ivanof Bay statistical area, or the inner bay subsections as proposed in RC-017 (275-42, 275-51, 275-60, 273-70, 273-75, 273-81, 273-99), upon reaching a sockeye harvest of 100,000 fish in the Western/Perryville district based on fish ticket information.