

Submitted by Board Member Jensen, prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game¹.

February 25, 2023

Substitute language for proposal 136:

Explanation:

- 1) For purse seine gear only, establishes a 72-hour closure between the first and second fishing periods in June and reduces duration of the first two fishing periods in June from 88 hours to 68 hours. All other June fishing periods and closures are unchanged.
- 2) Fishing periods and closures for drift gillnet gear are unchanged from the current management plan.
- 3) Chum salmon harvest triggers are established for both purse seine and drift gillnet gear.
- 4) Closes Sanak Island Section of the South Unimak District.

5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan is amended to read:

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(2) for seine and [DRIFT GILLNET] gear,

(A) beginning June 10, **the first** commercial fishing period[S] will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run **68** [88] hours, **closing at 2:00 a.m.** [UNTIL 10:00 P.M. THREE DAYS LATER]; **the second** commercial fishing **period** will **begin 72 hours later at 2:00 a.m. and close after 68 hours at 8:00 p.m.; the third fishing period will begin 32 hours later at 4:00 a.m. and close after 88 hours at 8:00 p.m.; the final fishing period in June will begin 32 hours later at 4:00 p.m. and close after 88 hours at 8:00 a.m.**; [THEN CLOSE FOR 32 HOURS AND REOPEN AT 6:00 A.M. TWO DAYS LATER;]

(B) [NOTWITHSTANDING (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FINAL COMMERCIAL FISHING PERIOD WILL END AT 10:00 P.M. ON JUNE 28.]

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(h) If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 300,000 fish by June 18, based on fish ticket information, the commissioner shall reduce fishing time in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands by 44 hours during each of the remaining fishing periods in June for purse seine gear.

If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 450,000 fish by June 23, based on fish ticket information, the commissioner shall close the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fishery for the remainder of June for purse seine gear.

5 AAC 09.330. Gear

(c) In the Unimak District, salmon may be taken with drift gillnets, set gillnets, purse seines, and hand purse seines, **except the Sanak Island Section of the Unimak District will remain closed to all gear types from June 1 through June 30.** Salmon may be taken by gillnet gear during periods when the seine fishery is closed by emergency order due to the presence of immature salmon.

ⁱ Preparation of draft substitute language at the request of a Board member does not imply ADF&G support. The Department will state its position on the language during deliberation.

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June All Gear Types Schedule							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
Proposed fishing times in RC 1xx for seine gear (from 352 to 256 hrs)							
Set and drift gillnet fishing periods							
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	6 a.m.	Open 64 hours (Set Gillnet Gear Only)		10 p.m.	68 hrs		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
2 a.m.		72 hr closure		68 hrs		8 p.m.	
			6 a.m.	Open 88 hours		10 p.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
32 hr closure	4 a.m.	88 hrs			8 p.m.	32 hr closure	4 p.m.
	6 a.m.	Open 88 hours			10 p.m.		6 a.m.
26	27	28	29	30			
88 hrs			8 a.m.				
Open 88 hours			10 p.m.				