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Substitute language for proposal 133

Explanation:

- 1) Fishing periods and closures for set gillnet gear remain unchanged.
- 2) For seine and drift gillnet gear, establishes a fishing schedule of 72 hour openings followed by 72 hour closures.
- 3) For seine and drift gillnet gear, the final commercial fishing period will end at 6:00 a.m. on June 25.
- 4) A combined chum salmon cumulative harvest trigger is established for seine and drift gillnet gear.

5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan

(a) The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries harvest both sockeye salmon and chum salmon in a mixed stock fishery during the month of June. The sockeye salmon are predominantly of Bristol Bay [AND ALASKA PENINSULA] origin **but are also bound for Chignik and Cook Inlet**. The chum salmon are bound for a number of areas, including Japan, Russia, the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, the Alaska Peninsula, and southcentral Alaska. These salmon stocks have historically been harvested along the south Alaska Peninsula during the month of June. This management plan is intended to be consistent with the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) and the Policy for the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.220).

(b) The South Unimak fishery takes place in the Unimak District, the Southwestern District (excluding the Volcano Bay Section), the east Pavlof Bay and the west Pavlof Bay Sections of the South Central District, and the Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District.

(c) The Shumagin Islands fishery takes place in the Shumagin Islands Section.

(d) In the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands fisheries, the commissioner may establish, by emergency order, commercial fishing periods as follows:

(1) for set gillnet gear,

(A) beginning June 6, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 64 hours until 10:00 p.m. two days later; beginning June 10, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 88 hours until 10:00 p.m. three

days later; commercial fishing will 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;

(2) for seine and drift gillnet gear,

(A) beginning June 10, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 72 [88] hours until 6:00 a.m. three days later; commercial fishing will then close for 72 [32] hours and reopen at 6:00 a.m. three [two] days later;

(B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the final commercial fishing period will end at 6:00 a.m. [10:00 p.m.] on June 25 [28].

(e) If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 250,000 fish on or before 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. If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 400,000 fish on or before June 23, based on fish ticket information, the commissioner shall close the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fishery for the remainder of June.

(f) [e] All salmon caught by a CFEC permit holder must be retained, and each CFEC permit holder must report the number of salmon caught, including those taken but not sold, on an ADF&G fish ticket. For the purposes of this subsection, "caught" means brought on board the vessel.

(g) [f] Notwithstanding (d) of this section, commercial salmon fishing will close in the waters of the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District south and east of a line from Arch Point Light at 55° 12.30' N. lat., 161° 54.30' W. long. to a point on Belkofski Peninsula at 55° 09.50' N. lat., 161° 57.80' W. long. and in the portion of the West Pavlof Bay Section south of Black Point (55° 24.48' N. lat.), if the harvest of sockeye salmon from the South Central District, the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Belkofski Bay Section, excluding those waters inside of a line between Vodapoini Point and Bold Cape, reaches 191,000 sockeye salmon based on fish ticket information.

(h) [g] Notwithstanding (d) of this section, commercial salmon fishing is closed to purse seine gear in the waters of the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, the Belkofski Bay Section of the Southwestern District, excluding those waters inside of a line between Vodapoini Point at 55° 01.88' N. lat., 162° 24.80' W. long., and Bold Cape at 55° 01.24' N. lat., 162° 16.40' W. long., and the South Central District.