

Area M Seiners Association
Opposition to RC245

We cannot possibly support RC245 or the concept it puts forth. This proposal, put in on the last day of the meeting after close of Committee of the Whole, was not developed with any input from the people that it affects the most: the fishermen, families, residents and tribes of the Eastern Aleutians. Codified time reductions, combined with area reductions already adopted by this Board under Proposal 126, would make it nearly impossible for the June salmon fishery to manage fishing behavior to avoid catching chum salmon. Leaving the entire June salmon fishery at the mercy of the ADF&G Commissioner's emergency order authority is also not the answer.