

PROPOSAL 108

5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Chignik Salmon Management Plan* to increase commercial salmon fishing time as follows:

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(d)[FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 5, IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, EXCLUDING THE INNER CASTLE CAPE SUBSECTION, AND IN THE PERRYVILLE DISTRICT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY OPEN THE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CHIGNIK BAY AND CENTRAL DISTRICTS AND THE INNER CASTLE CAPE SUBSECTION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT; DURING THIS TIME PERIOD THE PERRYVILLE DISTRICT MAY OPEN FOR NO MORE THAN THREE 48 HOUR FISHING PERIODS WITH A MINIMUM CLOSURE OF 48 HOURS BETWEEN EACH PERIOD;] beginning July 6, the department may open the commercial salmon fishery in the Western District, excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, and in the Perryville District, except that,

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Repeal the current regulation that allows up to three, 48 hour fishing periods in the Western and Perryville Districts of the CMA between June 1 and July 5. With the catastrophic state of the AYK chum and chinook runs it just makes sense to avoid these areas in June, when those stocks may be in those areas and therefore vulnerable to incidental harvest by the Chignik fleet.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. I am also the person that wrote and submitted the original proposal 18 years ago that became this regulation I am now asking to repeal, and I approached the Chignik Intertribal Coalition and other long-standing Chignik fishery advocates and we decided this was the right thing to do considering the extreme vulnerability of the CWAK chum and chinook runs.

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