

PROPOSAL 112

5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Chignik Area Management Plan* to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation as follows:

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(B) the commissioner may take additional emergency order actions to protect or harvest local pink, chum, king, and coho salmon runs;

(1) From July 1 through July 31, if the department does not expect to achieve the minimum king salmon escapement goal of 1,300 fish in the Chignik River, and the Chignik River king salmon run is currently designated a stock of concern, the commissioner may take the following actions to allow the harvest of surplus sockeye salmon without jeopardizing local king salmon escapement objectives;

(a) In the Chignik Bay District, close all waters south of a line from the tip of Oly's Point at 56° 18.14' N. lat., 158° 36.27' W. long. to a point approximately mid-way between Rocky Point and Jerry's Point at 56° 17.50' N. lat., 158° 33.08' W. long.,

(b) In the Mitrofanian Island Area of the Western District, openings will be no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 72 hours,

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(c) If the actions taken in (a) are not sufficient, additionally, in the Chignik Bay District, close all waters of Chignik Lagoon inside a line at 56° 20.38' N. lat., 158° 29.14' W. long. to 56° 20.27' N. lat., 158° 28.20' W. long.,

(d) If the actions taken in (a) and (c) are not sufficient, in addition to or instead of actions (a) and (c), in the Chignik Bay District, openings will be no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 72 hours,

(2) Beginning July 1;

(a) If more than 1,000 king salmon are harvested within a 48-hour period, the stat area(s) primarily responsible will be immediately closed for 7 days.

(b) If more than 5,000 king salmon are harvested in total, the stat area(s) primarily responsible will be immediately closed through August 10th.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Chignik's king salmon run has been designated a stock of concern. The Commissioner's Emergency Orders have severely impacted the fishermen of Chignik Lagoon, almost all of whom are local tribal members, many with no alternative areas to fish due to the size of their boats and gear. Chignik fishermen were not consulted or given a voice in the Commissioner's fishing restrictions he imposed. We need a Chignik King Salmon Conservation Plan put into regulation that creates a flexible framework, developed through local knowledge and input by ADF&G, that can provide vital protection for our king salmon run and still allow as much harvest opportunity on surplus sockeye as possible.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. The Chignik Advisory Committee developed a part of this proposal with assistance from the ADF&G Chignik Area biologist. Local knowledge was also a major part of the development of this proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Chignik Advisory Committee

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