

PROPOSAL 114

5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

Amend the *Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan* to delete sunset language as follows:

Delete paragraph (n) below as this language sunsetted in 2018 and can add confusion to the fleet.

[(n) From June 20 through July 31, the department shall manage the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to conserve Bear River and Nelson River sockeye salmon stocks by allowing the passage of sockeye salmon from the northeast to the southwest of the Northern District as described in this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of 5 AAC 09.320, from June 20 through July 31, the commissioner shall, by emergency order, establish fishing periods for the Bear River and Three Hills Sections and that portion of the Ilnik Section between the longitude of Unangashak Bluffs and the longitude of Three Hills at 159° 49.45' W. long., during which the waters that are between the three-mile seaward boundary line, described in 5 AAC 09.301, and a line that is one and one-half miles shoreward of the three-mile seaward boundary are closed for one 24-hour period during a seven-day period. The waters located to the southwest of the open waters where a 24-hour closure has occurred will have sequential closures that allow fishing only in the waters out to the one and one-half mile line described in this subsection for the first 24 hours of an open fishing period. The provisions of this subsection do not apply after December 31, 2018.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In the regulations there is language from an old regulation that has not been in effect since 2018 and should be deleted. The language can add confusion to the fleet as it no longer is pertinent to the fishery. We would consider this a “house-keeping proposal” as it is just trying to remove old regulatory language that should not be included in current regulations.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes, with the CAMF Board which represents 105 members

PROPOSED BY: Concerned Area M Fishermen

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