

PROPOSAL 117

5 AAC 09.369 Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

Amend the *Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan* as follows:

Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Decreasing number and size of steelhead in the Sandy River and Northern Alaska Peninsula in general over the last 10 years. The number of steelhead that are caught in the Coho commercial fishery is unknown and it would be important to know if there is a significant bycatch that may be contributing to the decline in steelhead number.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. With anglers who have been fishing the Sandy River for the last 10+ years.

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