

PROPOSAL 123

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation as follows:

(b) The allocation and the fishery prosecuting plan for SEDM fishery.

(1) In the years in the Chignik district fishery, when there is no local or very limited processing capacity, the allocated harvest to Chignik (600,000) will be waived, (300,000) first run and (300,000) second run. The SEDM percent of 7.6 will also be waived. The SEDM harvest will be managed on the escapement of Chignik sockeye. When the midrange of the first run escapement is met (350,000) the SEDM area will open for fishing. When the lower end of the second run escapement is met (240,000) the SEDM will open for fishing.

(2) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 30 or less fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated sockeye to the Chignik fishing boats, with a unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (100,000) on first run and (100,000) on second run with total of (200,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 21 percent of the sockeye harvested by the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(3) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 31 to 60 fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated fish to the Chignik fishing boats, with a unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (200,000) on first run and (200,000) on second run with total of (400,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 14 percent of the sockeye harvest of the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(4) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 61 or more fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated fish to the Chignik fishing boats, with a EF-F26-062 unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (300,000) on first run and (300,000) on second run with total of (600,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 7.6 percent of the sockeye harvest of the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(g) The percentage of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery may be permitted to fluctuate above or below **the allocated percent to SEDM in 5 AAC 09.360 (b), (2), (3), (4) of this section** [7.6 percent] of sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area at any time before July 25.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 600,000 guaranteed harvest to the Chignik harvesters, 300,000 for first run, 300,000 for second run as stated in the regulation book needs to be modified, This regulation for the Chignik District was developed when 95 fishing boats, or the majority of the fleet was fishing in the Chignik District. Since then the dynamics of the Chignik fishery has changed dramatically. In past recent years, 35 or less fishing boats fished the Chignik District each year. Also the processing dynamics of Chignik District has changed, there is no local processor in Chignik, all the salmon are tendered to Kodiak or False Pass for processing. The operational to this regulation in 5 AAC 09.360, sections (b), (c) and (d) is not logical to todays salmon fishing in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) and the Chignik

District. These three section need to be deleted and new section added that is more relevant with SEDM and Chignik District Fisheries today and for the future.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes brought this proposal before the Sand Point Advisory Committee and they endorsed it.

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