

PROPOSAL 133

5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* to reduce commercial salmon fishing time, as follows:

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(a) The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries harvest [BOTH] sockeye [SALMON AND], chum [SALMON], **chinook and pink** salmon in a mixed stock fishery [DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE]. The sockeye salmon are predominantly Bristol Bay [AND ALASKA PENINSULA ORIGIN], **Chignik, and southcentral Alaska origin.** The chum salmon are bound for a number of areas, including Japan, Russia, the Arctic-Yukon- Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, [THE ALASKA PENINSULA] **Chignik,** and southcentral Alaska. **The chinook are bound for a number of areas, including the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, Chignik, southcentral Alaska, southeast Alaska, Canada and the lower 48.** These salmon stocks have historically been harvested **at varying levels** along the south Alaska Peninsula during the month of June. This management plan is intended to be consistent with the Policy for the management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) and the Policy for the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.220).

(d) In the South Unimak **fishery** [AND SHUMAGIN ISLANDS FISHERIES] the commissioner may establish, by emergency order, commercial fishing periods as follows:

(1) for set gillnet gear,

(A) beginning June 6, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 64 hours until 10:00 p.m. two days later; beginning June 10, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 88 hours until 10:00 p.m. three days later; commercial fishing will then close for 32 hours and reopen at 6:00 a.m. two days later;

(B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the final commercial fishing period will end at 10:00 p.m. on June 28.

(2) for seine and drift gillnet gear, beginning June 10, commercial fishing periods will begin at 5:59 a.m. and run 66 hours until 11:59 p.m. two days later; commercial fishing will then close for 78 hours and reopen at 5:59 a.m. four days later; the final commercial fishing period in June will begin at 5:59 a.m. June 28 and run 42 hours until 11:59 p.m. on June 29.

(e) In the Shumagin Island fishery, the commissioner may establish, by emergency order, commercial fishing periods as follows:

(1) for set gillnet gear,

(A) beginning June 6, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 64 hours until 10:00 p.m. two days later; beginning June 10, commercial fishing

periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 88 hours until 10:00 p.m. three days later; commercial fishing will then close for 32 hours and reopen at 6:00 a.m. two days later;

(B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the final commercial fishing period will end at 10:00 p.m. on June 28.

(2) for seine gear, beginning June 10, commercial fishing periods will begin at 5:59 a.m. and run 66 hours until 11:59 p.m. two days later; commercial fishing will then close for 78 hours and reopen at 5:59 a.m. four days later; the final commercial fishing period in June will begin at 5:59 a.m. June 22 and end at 11:59 p.m. on June 24.

(e) [(e)] All salmon caught by a CFEC permit holder must be retained, and each CFEC permit holder must report the number of salmon caught, including those taken but not sold, on an ADF&G fish ticket. For the purposes of this subsection, "caught" means brought on board the vessel.

(f) [(f)] Notwithstanding (d) of this section, commercial salmon fishing will close in the waters of the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District south and east of a line from Arch Point Light at 55° 12.30' N. lat., 161° 54.30' W. long. to a point on Belkofski Peninsula at 55° 09.50' N. lat., 161° 57.80' W. long. and in the portion of the West Pavlof Bay Section south of Black Point (55° 24.48' N. lat.), if the harvest of sockeye salmon from the South Central District, the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Belkofski Bay Section, excluding those waters inside of a line between Vodapoini Point and Bold Cape, reaches 191,000 sockeye salmon based on fish ticket information.

(g) [(g)] Notwithstanding (d) of this section, commercial salmon fishing is closed to purse seine gear in the waters of the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, the Belkofski Bay Section of the Southwestern District, excluding those waters inside of a line between Vodapoini Point at 55° 01.88' N. lat., 162° 24.80' W. long., and Bold Cape at 55° 01.24' N. lat., 162° 16.40' W. long., and the South Central District.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulations for the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan do not have long enough closures to allow for the passage of migrating stocks, including CWAK-bound chums and Chignik-bound sockeye, through the area.

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 this proposal and is submitting it.

PROPOSED BY: Chignik Advisory Committee

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