

PROPOSAL 141

5 AAC 09.366. Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula.

Amend the *Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula* to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula, as follows:

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(i) To address conservation concerns for Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon (king salmon) across the Gulf of Alaska, the following management measures apply in the South Alaska Peninsula Area, beginning July 1;

(1) if the harvest of king salmon exceeds 1,000 during any regulatory fishing period, the statistical area(s) identified as primarily responsible will remain closed during the subsequent regulatory fishing period.

(2) If the cumulative harvest of king salmon surpasses 5,000, the statistical area(s) primarily responsible for the harvest will close immediately and remain closed through August 10.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The lack of a king salmon conservation plan in the South Alaska Peninsula Area. The depletion of king salmon across the Gulf of Alaska is quickly becoming a crisis that threatens the very livelihood of Alaska's commercial salmon fleet. The South Alaska Peninsula commercial salmon fishery needs restrictions in place to deter the harvest of king salmon similar to the restrictions that exist in the Chignik 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 is submitting this proposal. We used language from the Advisory Announcements issued by the Commissioner of Fish & Game detailing the need for commercial salmon fishing restrictions to be placed on Chignik and the South Alaska Peninsula salmon fisheries for the 2024 salmon season in an attempt to deter harvest of king salmon in both areas.

PROPOSED BY: Chignik Advisory Committee

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