

PROPOSAL 142

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 increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula, as follows:

Current 5 AAC 09.365 (e) From August 1 through August 31 the commissioner MAY open by Emergency Order the fishery by specific or multiple gear types for concurrent or non-concurrent periods.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Pink and Chum salmon escapement and run strength in early August can often be difficult to assess in the South Peninsula due to inclement weather for aerial surveying and the Departments inability under the current management Plan to use the fleet effectively to judge run strength. Currently the Department must open all gear types concurrently which can lead to over harvest, allowing the Department the flexibility to use specific gear types or multiple gear types depending on section (Seine, Set or Drift gillnet) during different run scenarios. This would improve run information in times of inclement weather by allowing the area biologist the flexibility of selecting the appropriate time and area for a specific gear type or types to get run information without jeopardizing weak stocks and giving the fleet and the processors opportunity to remain active.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This proposal was developed by the Area M Seiners Association with input from Fishermen of all gear types across the South Peninsula region.

PROPOSED BY: Area M Seiners Association

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