

PROPOSAL 93

5 AAC 06.320. Fishing periods.

Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows:

Modify fishing periods in the Togiak District to allow more fishing time, as follows:

(2)in the Kulukak Section, from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday [Wednesday]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current schedule in the Kulukak Section of the Togiak District oftentimes creates challenges for the local small boat fleet. Weather is especially challenging district as the bay does not provide as much protection as other districts in Bristol Bay. Also, it's roughly 40miles from the Village of Togiak to Kulukak Bay in mostly open ocean. The majority of drift gillnet vessels in the Togiak fleet are 25'-29' in length, and can not handle the weather as well as other more modern Bristol Bay vessels. Allowing more fishing time in the Kulukak Section will give the local fleet more flexibility when faced with bad weather, and more opportunity to harvest salmon during the season. The local Togiak fleet is concerned about the annual foregone harvest, and could use more time to harvest sockeye to ensure they are maximizing the economic value of their fishery.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This proposal was developed with the help of the Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED BY: Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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