

PROPOSAL 94

5 AAC 06.369. Togiak District Salmon Management Plan.

Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows:

Remove the language restricting the commissioner's emergency order ability as follows:

(3) the commissioner may increase, by emergency order, the fishing periods in the Togiak River Section of the Togiak District [by a maximum of 48 hours each week,] in addition to the normal weekly schedule if the commissioner determines that sockeye salmon run strength warrants additional fishing time.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Department is currently restricted in their ability to extend fishing time in the Togiak River Section of the Togiak District by 48 hours. Eliminating this restriction will give the Department the ability to extend fishing time in the Togiak River Section when sockeye abundance is high and extra fishing time is warranted. Oftentimes, weather is a challenge for the local Togiak Fleet as they fish smaller vessels than the average Bristol Bay commercial salmon fisher. The majority of drift gillnet vessels in the Togiak fleet are 25'-29' in length, and many set net operations still use 18' Lunds. Giving the Department the ability to extend fishing time by more than 48 hours will give the local fleet more opportunity and help with annual foregone harvest concerns.

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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