

South Alaska Peninsula Southeastern District Mainland Salmon (8 proposals)

PROPOSAL 119

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear as follows:

Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gill net gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Chignik Management Area, as follows:

Revise the Southeastern District Mainland Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set net gear and after July 11 seine gear concurrent to the Chignik Area Commercial Salmon Fishery as follows:

Conduct concurrent fishing periods between area L (Chignik) and Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM). (a) Elimination of the harvest of 300,00 – 600,000 sockeye salmon in the Chignik Area before fishermen in SEDM can harvest salmon; (b) to fish concurrently while Area L (Chignik) fishermen are fishing Area M fishermen are fishing in SEDM area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Multiple issues need to be addressed within the SEDM Management Plan.

The SEDM Salmon Management Plan guidelines are currently being based on an apocryphal assumption that 20% of the fish caught in SEDM are local stocks, while the other 80% are Chignik bound. The 80% figure needs to be eliminated from the SEDM Management Plan. SEDM fishermen are only allowed to harvest 7.6% of what Chignik fishermen harvest. Before any fishermen in the SEDM can harvest any salmon Chignik fishermen have to harvest a minimum of 300,00 -600,000 Sockeye salmon before we can begin to put our nets in the water and harvest our local stock of Sockeye Salmon. We rarely catch or come close to catching the 7.6 allocation, which is a low number for a historical fishery. Several years the trend has been to rarely fish in SEDM or if there is a short opener we barely come close to catching the 7.6 allocation, which is a low number for an historical fishery. This allocation needs to be eliminated. Seldom are we able to fish in SEDM because of the severity of the restrictions assigned upon the fishery. The way regulations are currently set forth right now fishermen in SEDM aren't allowed to harvest any salmon in the SEDM area and are being denied access to their historical fishery which is affecting the viability of set netting in the area. The harvest of 300,00 – 600,000 sockeye salmon in the Chignik area before set net fishermen on the SEDM can harvest salmon needs to be eliminated and done away with. When Chignik area fishes, we as set net fishermen would like to be able to fish at the same time on the SEDM District.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Set net fishermen who have historically fished in SEDM.

PROPOSED BY: Jack R Foster Jr, Amy M Foster, Jack R Foster III (EF-F26-121)

PROPOSAL 120

5 AAC 09.330. Gear

5 AAC 09.360 Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear as follows:

5 AAC 09.330. Gear.

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(3) salmon may be taken only with set gillnets from June 1 through July **25** [10] in the Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, Northwest Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, and East Stepovak Sections; however, **from July 1 to July 10**, if the department determines that the Orzinski Lake sockeye salmon escapement objectives have been exceeded, [AS DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 09.360(k),] beginning July 1, [IN ADDITION TO SET GILLNET GEAR,] the commissioner may open, by emergency order, the waters of Orzinski Bay west of 160° 04.25' W. long. to fishing with [PURSE SEINE AND HAND PURSE SEINE GEAR] **set gillnet gear only**;

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

(a) The purpose of this management plan is to provide guidelines to the department for the management of the interception of Chignik River sockeye salmon caught in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery conducted in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Northwest Stepovak, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections. [EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 09.330(f)(3),] **Before July 26** [11], only set gillnet gear may be used in these sections. For the purpose of the management plan in this section, local runs include only those salmon in the waters...

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[(B) PURSE SEINE AND HAND PURSE SEINE GEAR WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AS SPECIFIED IN (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;]

(3)...

(A) set gillnet gear through July **25**. [10; and]

[(B) SET GILLNET GEAR, HAND PURSE SEINE, AND PURSE SEINE GEAR FROM JULY 11 THROUGH JULY 25.]

[(k) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 10, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ORZINSKI LAKE SOCKEYE SALMON ESCAPEMENT OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED, IN ADDITION TO SET GILLNET GEAR, THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPEN, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE WATERS OF ORZINSKI BAY WEST OF 160° 04.25' W. LONG. TO FISHING WITH PURSE SEINE AND HAND PURSE SEINE GEAR.]

(k) From July 26 through October 31,

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Under the SEDM Management plan, seiners are allowed to operate in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery after July 10. Seiners shouldn't be allowed to fish in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery before July 26. With the decline of the Chignik sockeye runs in recent years, the set gillnet fleet has experienced financial hardship as well. It seems appropriate to allow them more time to fish without being overrun by the seiners, who currently, and historically, catch the vast majority of the salmon in the Area M fishery.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No

PROPOSED BY: Axel S Kopun

(EF-F26-145)

PROPOSAL 121

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan*, as follows:

(b) Excluding Orzinski Bay north of a line from Elephant Point 55° 41.92' N. lat., 160° 03.20' W. long. In the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, manage the Southeastern District Mainland as near as possible to the 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove the 600,000 allocation of sockeye salmon from the Southeastern District Mainland plan. The SEDM fishermen are part of the Chignik Fishery, there should be no allocation (600,000) to the Chignik fishermen in the SEDM plan. The percentage of catch and the percentage of sockeyes passing through SEDM are the right tools in the plan to ensure the Chignik fishermen receive there allocation and manage of the sockeye fishery in the Chignik District. Delete sections (b), (c) and (d)of 5 AAC 09.360 and insert (b).

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No

PROPOSED BY: Jim Smith

(EF-F26-077)

PROPOSAL 122

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation as follows:

(1) The percentage of Chignik-bound sockeye salmon allocated to the SEDM fishery is **20%** (7.6%) of the total number of Sockeye salmon harvested in the CMA through July 25

(2) from June 1 through July 25 80% of the sockeye salmon caught in SEDM are considered to be Chignik-bound salmon, excluding NWSS after July 1.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Southeastern District Mainland Management plan is just not helping the conservation of the Chignik River Escapement Goals. The Mainland Fishery Has not fished in the area for years and there has been no evidence of any better returns. We Have been regulated on we get to go fish after the fish and game manages the harvest 300,000 fish for early run and 300,000 fish for the second run close to 600,000 fish. Since the SEDM is managed of how and when the Chignik fisheries get to go catch fish. SEDM should be open the same times when fish and game manages the harvest levels are being met in the CMA. If we are regulated by Chignik fishery we should go fishing the same time as well.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No Im just a tired fisherman waiting to go fish in an area, until a number of fish has been caught in another area, I have no impact on, the number of fish that will escape in an area so far away.

PROPOSAL 123**5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.**

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation as follows:

(b) The allocation and the fishery prosecuting plan for SEDM fishery.

(1) In the years in the Chignik district fishery, when there is no local or very limited processing capacity, the allocated harvest to Chignik (600,000) will be waived, (300,000) first run and (300,000) second run. The SEDM percent of 7.6 will also be waived. The SEDM harvest will be managed on the escapement of Chignik sockeye. When the midrange of the first run escapement is met (350,000) the SEDM area will open for fishing. When the lower end of the second run escapement is met (240,000) the SEDM will open for fishing.

(2) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 30 or less fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated sockeye to the Chignik fishing boats, with a unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (100,000) on first run and (100,000) on second run with total of (200,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 21 percent of the sockeye harvested by the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(3) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 31 to 60 fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated fish to the Chignik fishing boats, with a unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (200,000) on first run and (200,000) on second run with total of (400,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 14 percent of the sockeye harvest of the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(4) In the years in the Chignik fishery when there are 61 or more fishing boats in the Chignik district, the allocated fish to the Chignik fishing boats, with a EF-F26-062 unique registered Alaska ADF&G number will be (300,000) on first run and (300,000) on second run with total of (600,000) for both runs. The allocated harvest percent to SEDM will be 7.6 percent of the sockeye harvest of the Chignik fishing boats, with registered Alaska ADF&G number.

(g) The percentage of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery may be permitted to fluctuate above or below **the allocated percent to SEDM in 5 AAC 09.360 (b), (2), (3), (4) of this section** [7.6 percent] of sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area at any time before July 25.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 600,000 guaranteed harvest to the Chignik harvesters, 300,000 for first run, 300,000 for second run as stated in the regulation book needs to be modified, This regulation for the Chignik District was developed when 95 fishing boats, or the majority of the fleet was fishing in the Chignik District. Since then the dynamics of the Chignik fishery has changed dramatically. In past recent years, 35 or less fishing boats fished the Chignik District each year. Also the processing dynamics of Chignik District has changed, there is no local processor in Chignik, all the salmon are tendered to Kodiak or False Pass for processing. The operational to this regulation in 5 AAC 09.360, sections (b), (c) and (d) is not logical to today's salmon fishing in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) and the Chignik District. These three sections need to be deleted and new section added that is more relevant with SEDM and Chignik District Fisheries today and for the future.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes brought this proposal before the Sand Point Advisory Committee and they endorsed it.

PROPOSED BY: Edgar L Smith

(EF-F26-062)

PROPOSAL 124

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation as follows:

5 AAC 09.360. f

The estimate of Sockeye Salmon destined for the Chignik River has been determined to be [80 PERCENT] **between 55 and 68 percent** of Sockeye Salmon harvested in the East Sepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak ,Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section. Beginning July 1, All Sockeye Salmon taken in the Northwest Sepovak Section are considered to be destined for Orzinski Bay

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the amount of sockeye Salmon harvested in the Southeast District Mainland considered to be destined to the Chignik river from the (80 percent) and use the more recent Wassip study results to determine the actual amount Which was much less. With our more recent information from wassip we should be able to have each bay or subsection within southeast district mainland use the percent or amount reflecting their catches during the wassip study which are not all the same.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

PROPOSED BY: Jim Smith

(EF-F26-075)

PROPOSAL 125

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to allow more fishing time as follows:

sections 5AAC 09.360 SEDM management plan the same as 5AAC 15.357 [5AAC 09.360 (b)(c)(d)]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? No fishing in the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) When Chignik is fishing. We are managed by the Fish and Game in Sand Point by the openings of the Fish and Game managing the Chignik Management Area (CMA) for there opening due to escapement goals and Harvest levels to be as close to 600,000 fish for the area. If we are managed on the same stock we should be able to go fish at the same times.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No

PROPOSED BY: Emil Mobeck

(EF-F26-093)

PROPOSAL 126

5 AAC 09.200. Description of districts and sections.

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

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

Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* as follows:

Move the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the existing South Central District. Include and manage specified Sections of the South Central District with the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

5 AAC 09.200. Description of districts and sections

(d) Southwestern District: waters on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula north and east of a line extending 115° from Cape Pankof Light (54° 39.60' N. lat., 163° 03.70' W. long.) and west of a line extending **152° from Moss Cape (55° 7.26' N. lat., 161° 56.30' W. long.)** [106° FROM ARCH POINT LIGHT (55° 12.30' N. LAT., 161° 54.30' W. LONG.) TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT (LONGITUDE OF MCGINTY POINT: 160° 59.00' W. LONG.),] including Inner Iliasik, Outer Iliasik, [GOLOI, DOLGOI, POPERECHOI,] and Deer Islands, waters of Ikatan Bay, and waters of Isanotski Strait south of a line from the False Pass cannery dock (54° 51.35' N. lat., 163° 24.38' W. long.) to Nichols Point (54° 51.43' N. lat., 163° 23.23' W. long.);

[(7) VOLCANO BAY SECTION: WATERS BETWEEN MOSS CAPE AND ARCH POINT, INCLUDING GOLOI, DOLGOI, AND POPERECHNOI ISLANDS;]

(e) South Central District: waters on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula north and east of a line extending **152° from Moss Cape (55° 7.26' N. lat., 161° 56.30' W. long.)** [106° FROM ARCH POINT LIGHT (55° 12.30' N. lat., 161° 54.30' W. LONG.)] and west of a line extending south from McGinty Point (55° 27.37' N. lat., 160° 59.00' W. long.), including Ukolnoi and Wosnesenski Islands;

(5) Volcano Bay Section: waters between Moss Cape and Arch Point, including Goloi, Dolgoi, and Poperechnoi Islands;

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland and South Central District Salmon Management Plan

(a) The purpose of this management plan is to provide guidelines to the department for the management of the interception of Chignik River sockeye salmon caught in the Southeastern District Mainland **and South Central District** fishery conducted in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Northwest Stepovak, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.** Except as specified in 5 AAC 09.330 (f) (3), before July 11, only set gillnet gear may be used in these sections. For the purpose of the management plan in this section, local runs include only those salmon in the waters

AAC 09.200(f);

(1) beginning July 1, in the Northwest Stepovak Section described in 5

(2) in the Stepovak Flats Section described in 5 AAC 09.200(f).

(b) In years when a harvestable surplus for the first (Black Lake) and second (Chignik Lake) runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be less than 600,000 fish, a commercial salmon fishery is not allowed in the East Stepovak, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and in the Northwest Stepovak Section, excluding Orzinski Bay north of a line from Elephant Point at 55° 41.92' N. lat., 160° 03.20' W. long. to Waterfall Point at 55° 43.18' N. lat., 160° 01.13' W. long., **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** until the department projects that a harvest of 300,000 sockeye salmon in the Chignik Area described in 5 AAC 15.100. After July 8, if at least 300,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik Area, and if escapement goals are being met, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik Area will be at least 600,000 fish and the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

(c) In years when a harvestable surplus beyond escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be more than 600,000 fish but the first run fails to develop as predicted and it is determined that a total sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area of 600,000 or more fish may not be achieved, the commercial salmon fishery in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and in the Northwest Stepovak Section, excluding Orzinski Bay north of a line from Elephant Point at 55° 41.92' N. lat., 160° 03.20' W. long. to Waterfall Point at 55° 43.18' N. lat., 160° 01.13' W. long., **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** shall be curtailed until the department projects a harvest in the Chignik Area of at least 300,000 sockeye salmon through July 8 if that number of fish are determined to be surplus to the escapement goals of the Chignik River system. After July 8, if at least 300,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik Area, and if escapement goals are being met, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik Area is at least 600,000 fish and the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

(d) In years when a harvestable surplus beyond the escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be more than 600,000 fish and the department determines that the runs are as strong as expected, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

(3) The estimate of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River has been determined to be 80 percent of the sockeye salmon harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section. Beginning July 1, all sockeye salmon taken in the Northwest Stepovak Section are considered to be destined for Orzinski Bay.

(4) The percentage of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland **and South Central District** fishery may be permitted to fluctuate above or below 7.6 percent of sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area at any time before July 25.

(5) The allocation method described in (a) - (g) of this section is in effect through July 25. The commissioner may not open the first fishing period of the commercial salmon fishing season in the East Stepovak, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, before the first fishing period of the commercial salmon fishing season in the Chignik Area. After July 25, the commissioner may open, by emergency order, commercial salmon fishing in the entire Southeastern District Mainland **and South Central District** area for local stocks.

(i) During the period from approximately June 26 through July 8, the strength of the second run of the Chignik River system sockeye salmon cannot be evaluated. In order to prevent overharvest of the second run, the department may disallow or severely restrict commercial salmon fishing in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, **as well as the Volcano Bay Section, and the East and West Pavlof Bay Sections south of a line extending west from Settlement Point at 55° 29.12' N. lat.,** during this period, and from June 26 through June 30 in the Northwest Stepovak Section.

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

(b) The South Unimak fishery takes place in the Unimak District, the Southwestern District, [THE EAST PAVLOF BAY AND THE WEST PAVLOF BAY SECTIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT,] and the Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District.

[(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) 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? Prior to 2004, The Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District and the South Central District of Area M were not open to commercial fishing in June. The significant presence of Chignik sockeye in these areas has resulted in an increase in the interception of Chignik-bound sockeye that did not exist prior to 2004. Chignik stocks are struggling and greater conservation measures are needed to ensure that overharvest of Chignik stocks does not happen.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. We had discussions with various Chignik Region tribal members and long-time Chignik fishermen, who pointed out how these areas line up geographically with the migration of Chignik sockeye stocks and how it makes sense these areas be combined into the SEDM management plan.

PROPOSED BY: Chignik Intertribal Coalition

(EF-F26-104)
