

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
Policy No. 79-61-FB

REGARDING TOGIAK AND GOODNEWS BAY DISTRICTS  
COHO SALMON ENFORCEMENT

The Togiak and Goodnews Bay Districts coho salmon fisheries have had a documented history of illegal upriver commercial fishing dating back to 1968. Enforcement efforts by the Department of Public Safety have been largely ineffective in controlling this recurring problem on a long-term basis.

The Board recognizes the difficulty of enforcement in these remote areas and although the current regulations enacted by the Board are sufficient to protect the coho stocks they are ineffective due to the special enforcement problem that exists in the Togiak and Goodnews Bay Districts.

In the interest of the conservation of this valuable renewable salmon resource, the Board of Fisheries directs the Commissioner to take the following actions given the specified circumstances.

If illegal fishing activities develop to the point that regulations pertaining to protection of these stocks become ineffective, the Commissioner shall consider closing the affected fishery by emergency regulation for a period of one week. When the fishery reopens, if the illegal fishing continues to be a problem, the appropriate fishery shall be closed for an additional week. Continued violations may result in the closure of the subsistence fishery in the Togiak and Goodnews Bay Districts.

The Board further directs the staff to advertise this policy in the Togiak and Goodnews Bay areas.

  
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Nick Szabo, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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VOTE: 7/0