

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
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Alaska Board of Fisheries Policy  
On Chinook Salmon Allocation  
In Commercial Salmon Fisheries  
In Southeastern Alaska

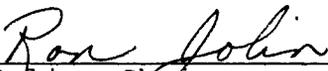
The Board of Fisheries recognizes that with a catch ceiling for chinook salmon provided for in the U.S./Canada Salmon Treaty, deviations from recent chinook catches by any one gear type will affect catch levels available to other users. Proportional sharing, based on recent years' harvests, of the approximately 243,000 base level catch of chinook that will be available to Southeast Alaska commercial fishermen during the three cycle rebuilding period provided for in the Treaty, should result in the following annual chinook harvest distributions the the commercial gear types:

1. A Gillnet harvest of 8,000 chinook;
2. A seine harvest of 12,000 chinook; and
3. A troll harvest of 223,000 chinook.

These harvest distributions do not include the add-on of new production from Southeast Alaska hatcheries. The board recognizes that the pattern of Alaskan hatchery chinook contribution to Southeast Alaska fishermen in normally conducted fisheries and in terminal areas is not well understood. As this pattern becomes clear the board will consider the allocation of these fish.

It is the board's intent to prevent increased net fishery chinook catches over recent years harvest distributions from reducing the number of chinook salmon available to troll fishermen. The board recognizes that the majority of net caught chinook are taken during fisheries targeted primarily on other species. However, the board strongly encourages net fishermen not to target on chinook salmon and to avoid fishing in areas or fishing in a manner which results in above average numbers of chinook being taken.

The board will review this policy on an annual basis to determine if chinook harvest objectives are being met. If they are not, the board may take regulatory action to insure that reallocations away from the recent years distributions do not occur.

  
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