

PROPOSAL 158 – 5 AAC 09.350. Closed waters. Restrict commercial salmon fishing in the Three Hills, Ilnik, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District to no more than one and one-half miles offshore, as follows:

In the Area M’s North Peninsula Commercial Salmon fishery,[Ilnik to Port Heiden] fishing will be permitted in a reduced area until total run strength to Ugashik is 2.5 million or 5 million to Egegik. Fishing will be permitted from the 18 ft high tide mark out to a GPS line 1.5 miles off shore, Starting from the Three Hills northern eastwest line go north to intersect the Port Heiden Outer Dist. southern eastwest corner line, 1.5 miles off shore.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Harvesting migrating Bristol Bay stocks in a year of less abundance when local stocks of Area M are healthy.

Harvesting Bristol Bay migrating stocks needed to sustain locally owned Bristol Bay permit numbers in the villages of Port Heiden, Ugashik, Egegik.

Harvesting migrating Bristol Bay stocks unnecessarily when it can be reduced with time and area that won’t affect local harvests and escapements of Port Heiden and Ilnik.

PROPOSED BY: Lower Bristol Bay Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-C15-109)
