

PROPOSAL 159 – 5 AAC 09.350. Closed waters. Open waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District from one and one half miles to three miles offshore to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:

5 AAC 09.350(3) is amended by deleting current subsection (A).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The board in 2013 closed the portion of the Outer Port Heiden section from one and one-half miles offshore to the three-mile seaward boundary. These closed waters should be reopened in the interest of an orderly and safe fishery. The current open area, inside one and one-half miles, includes shallow waters and obstacles (e.g., snags) that are difficult and dangerous to fish in heavy weather, particularly during night hours. The three-mile line is well defined in charting programs, and is used throughout the North Peninsula District, but the one and one-half mile line is not, potentially creating enforcement/compliance problems.

PROPOSED BY: Concerned Area M Fishermen

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